

## LEGAL ALERT

### DATA PROTECTION ACT NO. 3 OF 2021



Following our previous alert regarding the appointment of the Data Protection Commissioner (the “**Commissioner**”), we have received guidance from the office of the Commissioner that full enforcement of the Data Protection Act will commence in March 2024.

Below is the roadmap to enforcement as advised by the Commissioner:

- **November 2023:** Licensing of Data Auditors in the categories of Data and Systems, Security, and Infrastructure.
- **December 2023:** Gap assessment audits will commence with financial institutions, selected healthcare facilities, and selected quasi-government institutions.
- **February 2024:** Registration of Data Controllers and Data Processors.
- **March 2024:** Enforcement and compliance will take effect.

The Commissioner has further clarified that the audits in December 2023 are not for enforcement purposes but to ascertain compliance gaps and provide entities with time to initiate compliance processes.

We hope you found this alert useful. Please contact our Corporate Advisory Partner, Jacqueline Jhala at [JJhala@corpus.co.zm](mailto:JJhala@corpus.co.zm) if you have any questions relating to the Data Protection Act No. 3 of 2021.



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