



Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

**PRIVACY POLICY OFFICE
ADVISORY OPINION NO. 2017-011**

2 February 2017

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Re: COVERED SECTORS OF THE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012

Dear [REDACTED],

This pertains to your query received by the National Privacy Commission (NPC) on 24 January 2017, via email, regarding the sectors supposedly covered by Republic Act No. 10173, also known as the Data Privacy Act (DPA) of 2012.

The law applies to the processing of all types of personal information and to any natural and juridical person involved in personal data processing, without qualifying the sectors or industries such person belongs to.¹ Accordingly, pursuant to legal principle, *ubi lex non distinguit nec nos distinguere debemos*, this Commission will not sanction any distinctions where none has been made by the law. Any limitation to the scope of the DPA is restricted to those provided in the applicable provisions thereof.

For your reference.

Sincerely,

RAYMUND ENRIQUEZ LIBORO
Privacy Commissioner and Chairman

¹ RA No. 10173, §4.