Global data localization measures more than doubles to 144 restrictions in 2021, up from 67 in 2017.

One point increase in data restrictiveness scale cuts trade output by 7% over five years.

### Sovereign Cloud Enables Seamless Data Mobility and Independence

The rising wave of data localization regulations restricting cross-border movement continues to gather momentum. The new regulations complicate data mobility and sharing and, in some cases, jeopardize digital trade.

**Vague rules threaten data mobility and independence**

**Restricted data movement**
Many countries require companies to store and even replicate data within their national borders and restrict cross-border movement.

**Limited data sharing**
Localization rules restrict or prohibit sharing data with other countries or regions with differing data and privacy rules.

### Sovereign Cloud Breaks the Cycle of Fear

As data privacy and security threats become more prominent and severe, it’s important to have a data mobility strategy in place. Sovereign cloud providers comply with local and international regulations to ensure your data is kept safe and secure. Engaging with a trusted Sovereign Cloud provider with expertise in privacy, data security, and data mobility can help guide you towards a robust data protection plan.

With a VMware Sovereign Cloud provider, you can follow these best practices:

- Data remains under sovereign control and avoids compelled access by foreign authorities
- Ability to use public clouds without risking exposure of data or metadata
- No dependency on any non-sovereign vendors
- Seamless portability and interoperability for freely deploying and moving data anywhere
- Utilize containerized apps on any cloud infrastructure running Kubernetes

### LEARN MORE

Want to learn more about VMware Sovereign Cloud or if a sovereign cloud is right for you?

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