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Following a public consultation of the draft bill, the Hellenic Parliament adopted on 16 July 2026 the law titled "***Measures for the Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 (Artificial Intelligence Act) – Amendments to Law 4961/2022 and Other Provisions***" (the "Law"), establishing the national framework for the implementation of the EU AI Act in Greece.

The law, among other things, provides for:

1. the appointment of the **Hellenic Data Protection Authority (HDPA)** as the lead market surveillance authority and national single point of contact under the AI Act;
2. the designation of the **Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT)** as the notifying authority;
3. the introduction of **complaint-handling procedures and administrative sanctions**; and
4. the establishment of an **AI Regulatory Sandbox**, enabling start-ups and SMEs to develop and test innovative AI applications in real-world conditions with public-sector support.

Key Changes Introduced in the Law

While the Law largely preserves the structure and governance model of the draft bill, several noteworthy amendments were introduced during the parliamentary process, including:

1. the introduction of a **new criminal provision relating to deepfakes and AI-generated or manipulated content**, prohibiting the removal or circumvention of transparency mechanisms required under Article 50 AI Act;
2. the strengthening of the enforcement toolbox available to competent authorities through the introduction of **compliance orders**, in addition to warnings, reprimands and administrative fines;
3. the expansion of the **whistleblower protection framework**, with AI Act infringements now falling not only within the area of product safety and compliance, but also within the fields of privacy, personal data protection and network and information systems security.
4. The Law also introduces a number of technical and institutional amendments, including additional safeguards regarding the HDPA's role as a notified body and an extension of the deadline for public-sector entities to register existing AI systems.

The adoption of the Law marks an important milestone in Greece's implementation of the AI Act and completes the national framework for supervision and enforcement. Organisations developing, providing or deploying AI systems in Greece should monitor forthcoming guidance and implementing measures and assess the impact of the new framework on their AI governance and compliance programmes.

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