



# Navigating the Digital Future: The NIS Directive

Understanding the Ofcom Revisions  
to the NIS 2018 Regulations (May 2023)

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## What are the revisions to the 2018 NIS Directive?

- The NIS Directive revisions apply to all essential service providers in the UK & EU, as well as non-UK/EU companies that provide managed services.
- The goal of the directive is to make digital infrastructure more secure against cyber threats.
- NIS requires companies to follow strict security protocols and methods to protect the UK and EU's digital infrastructure.
- Each EU member state, along with the UK, has implemented its own legislation to comply with the EU NIS2 Directive.

## What does it mean for your Telco/CSP?

- **Expansion of Regulation Scope:** The NIS Regulations now encompass digital managed services, affecting telcos/CSPs offering IT outsourcing, managed network services, and security operations.
- **Enhanced Cybersecurity Measures:** Telco/CSPs are mandated to implement high-level security and robust incident management systems to safeguard network and information systems.
- **Mandatory Incident Reporting:** Significant cyber incidents, particularly those impacting service continuity, must be reported to Ofcom.
- **Two-Tier Supervisory Regime:** Critical digital services will undergo proactive supervision, requiring telcos/CSPs to actively demonstrate compliance with NIS duties.
- **Registration Requirement:** Managed Service Providers in the telecom sector must register with the Information Commissioner's Office and comply with strict security measures.
- **Future Regulatory Developments:** The potential inclusion of data centers in the NIS Regulation scope is being considered, indicating a need for ongoing adaptation and vigilance.
- **Emphasis on National Infrastructure Security:** Telco/CSPs are integral in protecting critical national infrastructure against cyber threats.
- **Penalties for Non-Compliance:** Failure to comply with the NIS Regulations can result in substantial fines up to £17 million, along with other regulatory actions.





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