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Cybersecurity duties move into operation

Malaysia's Cyber Security Act commences, alongside an adjustment to securities-market technology-risk guidance.

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Act 854 takes effect

Malaysia's Cyber Security Act 2024 commenced on 26 August. The framework addresses critical information infrastructure, incident management and licensing of specified cybersecurity services. Whether a particular organisation or service falls within it requires checking the statutory definitions and implementing instruments.

COMMENCEMENT

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Recognised markets align technology-risk provisions

The SC amended its Guidelines on Recognized Markets to align relevant provisions with its revised technology-risk management guidelines. Operators should work from the updated instruments, rather than an old onboarding checklist.

GUIDELINES AMENDED

THE MALAYSIAN LENS

Our operational implication: a cyber incident can involve more than one reporting or supervisory relationship. A Malaysian market operator should map each applicable regime, its responsible officer and the evidence needed, without assuming that notifying one authority satisfies another.

QUESTION TO ASK

Who can classify an incident, preserve the records and initiate the correct escalation outside office hours?

WATCH / NEXT STEP

Review contracts with security providers and test the incident contact list. This briefing highlights commencement and alignment; it does not prescribe a universal reporting deadline for all organisations.

READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

NACSA · Cyber Security Act 2024 ↗

Securities Commission Malaysia · Amendment summary, 19 August 2024 ↗

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