Latest update of China Cyber Security Law

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Quick Recap of the CSL – Effective on 1 June 2017 Key Contents



About this law

- The first comprehensive law on cybersecurity and privacy protection in China
- Include altogether 7 charters for 79 articles
- Was reviewed and discussed 3 times by the NPC Standing Committee

Main government bodies

- Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC)
- The Ministry of Public Security of China (MPS)
- The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China (MIIT)

Key requirements

- Network Operator shall fulfill security duties based on classified cybersecurity protection system and formulate emergency response plan for cybersecurity incidents.
- Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) shall enhance operation security, implement data localization solution and conduct risk assessment before cross-border data transfer.
- Personal information shall be protected by network operators following legitimacy, rightness and necessity principles in all data handling activities.
- Cyber defense systems shall be established in form of security risk assessment, monitoring, surveillance, warning, emergency response, etc.



A series of supporting regulations and national standards (GB, GB/T) are established to support CSL implementation



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Relevant guidance and standards

- <u>Guideline (DRAFT)</u> Personal information and important data outbound security assessment method & guideline
- <u>GB/T (DRAFT)</u> Information security technology data cross-border security evaluation guideline
- Guideline (DRAFT) Critical information infrastructure definition guideline
- **<u>Guideline (DRAFT)</u>** Personal information and important data outbound security assessment method & guideline
- **<u>GB/T (DRAFT)</u>** Information security technology data cross-border security evaluation guideline
- <u>GB/T (DRAFT</u>) Information security technology Basic requirement for classified protection of cybersecurity (draft) and expending requirements for cloud computing, mobile internet, IoT, industrial control, big data
- <u>Guideline</u> Administrative Provisions on the Account Names of Internet Users
- Guideline Administrative Measures for Internet Information Services
- <u>GB/T 35273 -2017</u> Information security technology personal information security standard
- <u>GB/T (DRAFT</u>) Information security technology guide for de-identifying personal information



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- 1. Identify and understand existing cross-border data transfer scenarios
 - Business purposes
 - Data type (personal information, personal sensitive information) and amount
 - Data flow
 - Consent status
- 2. Perform self risk evaluation based on national guideline and identify gaps:
 - Impact level
 - Security capability of data senders and recipients
- **3.** Conduct remedial actions to mitigate risk level to ensure data can be allowed to transfer overseas
 - Obtain consents from data subject
 - Decrease data volume or transmission frequency
 - Perform de-identification on personal data
 - Establish data cross-border management system
 - Etc.



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Recommended actions

1. Conduct personal information and important data mapping, understanding data storage location and data flow (how to collect, store, use and transfer)



2. Plan to setup infrastructure in localizing the personal and important data

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- Conduct shadow IT discovery on Internet-facing websites, and develop an application inventory to ensure all IT assets are under proper control.
- Classify all applications and perform gap analysis from both 2. managerial and technical perspectives
 - Security Strategy and Management Policy Security Management Organization and People
 - Management
- Security Development
- Security Operation
- **Physical and Environment**
- Network and Communication **Technical**
 - **Device and Computing**
 - Application and Data
- Perform penetration testing and vulnerability scanning to ensure 3. the security of applications, especially Internet-facing websites.
- Conduct remediation based on the priority of systems and prepare 4. for official MLPS registration and evaluation.



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- 1. Identify scenarios which need real name identity and methods, including:
 - Websites / Application registration
 - Information release functions
 - Network access
- 2. Register the websites and implement control functions:
 - ICP/MPS/AIC registration
 - Keep logs for no less than 6 months
 - Monitoring and filtering on information release functions
 - Implement real name identity solution for network services provided



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- **1**. Review and update privacy policy to end users, including:
 - Consumers
 - Employees
 - HR Candidates
- 2. Conduct remediation from technical perspectives, like adding privacy policy in websites, privacy policy update notification and message, etc.
- 3. Develop on-going personal information protection mechanisms, including:
 - Personal Information Protection Policy
 - Privacy Impact Assessment Process
 - Guideline on collection, storage, usage and transfer of personal information
 - Awareness training and workshop



Time to establish a framework to ensure continuous compliant with regulation in cybersecurity and privacy practices

Understand "Where you are" is the first step towards compliance, and then take remedial actions according to different priorities while developing a continuous governance framework to ensure the company stay compliant with all regulation requirements.





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Key challenges and recommendations when moving towards compliance for multinational companies





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