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Cyber Regulations at Chemical Facilities

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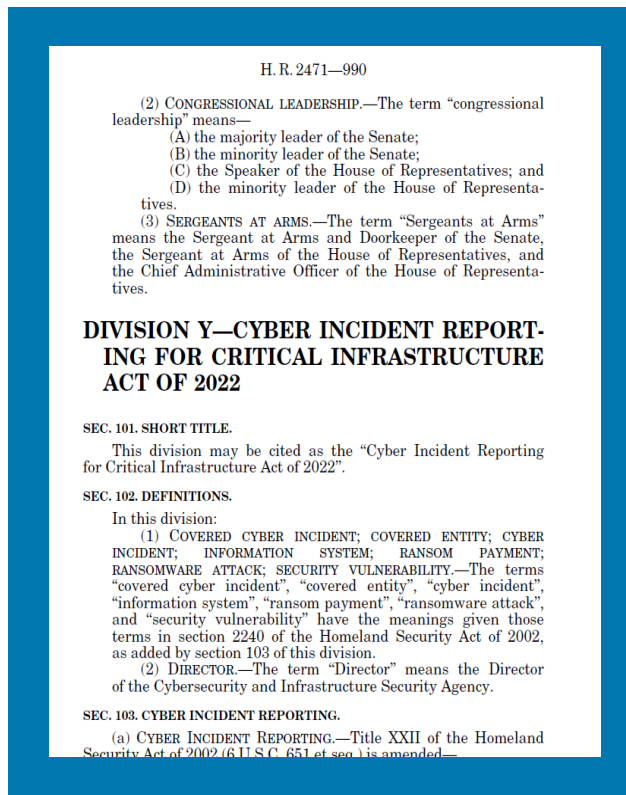
CYBER INCIDENT REPORTING FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2022

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CIRCIA Overview

- In March 2022, Congress enacted the ***Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act of 2022 (CIRCIA)***



- Codified in 6 U.S.C. 681-681g
- Requires the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to coordinate with Federal partners and others on various cyber incident reporting and ransomware-related activities
- Requires CISA to establish a new regulatory program requiring reporting of certain cybersecurity-related events



CIRCI Key Elements

Cyber Incident Reporting Initiatives

Regulatory Reporting Requirements

Cyber Incident Reporting

Covered entities must report to CISA any covered cyber incidents within 72 hours after the entity reasonably believes the covered cyber incident occurred.

Info Sharing and Coordination

Federal Incident-Report Sharing

Any Federal entity receiving a report on a cyber incident after the effective date of the final rule must share that report with CISA within 24 hours. CISA must also make information received under CIRCI available to certain federal agencies within 24 hours.

Cyber Incident Reporting Council

DHS shall establish and Chair an intergovernmental Cyber Incident Reporting Council to coordinate, deconflict, and harmonize Federal incident-reporting requirements.

Ransomware Initiatives

Ransom Payment Reporting

Covered entities must report to CISA any ransom payments in connection with a ransomware attack not later than 24 hours of making the payment. CISA must share such reports with Federal agencies, similar to incident information.

Ransomware Vulnerability Warning Pilot Program

CISA must establish a pilot to identify systems with vulnerabilities to ransomware attacks and may notify the owners of those systems.

Joint Ransomware Task Force

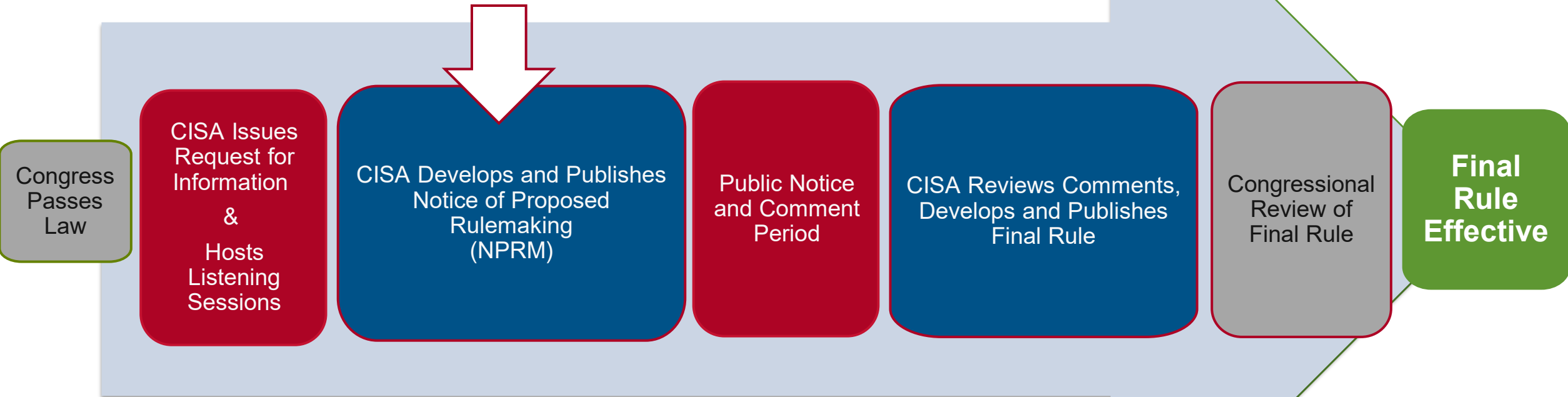
CISA, in consultation with the National Cyber Director, Attorney General, and FBI, shall establish a task force to coordinate an ongoing nationwide campaign against ransomware attacks.



CIRCI A Rulemaking Schedule

Before CIRCI A covered cyber incident and ransom payment reporting requirements go into effect, CISA must develop and issue regulations through rulemaking

Current Phase



- CIRCI A requires CISA to publish a NPRM within 24 months of enactment of the statute
- CIRCI A requires CISA to publish Final Rule within 18 months after publication of NPRM



Required NPRM Content

The following are some of the topics CISA must address in the NPRM

- Definition of “Covered Entity” (i.e., who is required to report covered cyber incidents and ransom payments to CISA)
- Definition of “Covered Cyber Incident” (i.e., what cyber incidents must be reported to CISA)
- Statutory reporting exceptions
- Manner, form, and content of reports
- Deadlines and criteria for supplemental reporting
- Third-party reporting
- Data preservation requirements
- Enforcement mechanisms
- Privacy and civil liberties protections



Stakeholder Engagement

CIRCI requires CISA to engage certain stakeholders during the rulemaking process.

Federal Consultations

- As required by the statute, CISA has consulted with more than two dozen Federal partners, including the Sector Risk Management Agencies, the Department of Justice, and other Federal agencies with equities in cyber incident reporting
- CISA has also consulted with the Cyber Incident Reporting Council to explore ways to harmonize and minimize potentially duplicative regulatory burdens

State, Local, and Private Sector Engagement

- CIRCI does not require engagement with non-Federal entities prior to publication of the NPRM; however, CISA is committed to providing stakeholders from across the spectrum with the opportunity to provide ideas and perspectives, within the limitations of the rulemaking process and timeline itself
- To achieve this:
 - On September 12, 2022, CISA released a Request for Information (RFI) providing an opportunity for stakeholders to provide comments in writing
 - CISA also hosted ten in-person and seventeen virtual listening sessions

Outreach and Education Campaign

- Following issuance of the Final Rule, CISA is required to undertake an outreach and education campaign to inform the regulated community of the new reporting requirements, how to submit reports, protections afforded under CIRCI, and other topics



RFI and Listening Session Results

Key perspectives provided by stakeholders in response to the RFI and during listening sessions

- CISA received approximately 130 written submissions in response to the RFI, had over 150 individuals attend the in-person listening sessions, and hundreds more participated in the virtual listening sessions
 - All written comments and transcripts of the listening sessions have been posted to the docket for the CIRCIA rulemaking at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and can be found by searching for CISA-2022-0010
- Some of the themes that emerged from stakeholder comments included:
 - The importance of clarity in key definitions such as “covered entity” and “covered cyber incident”
 - The desire for the Federal government to harmonize CIRCIA with other cyber incident reporting regulatory regimes and avoid entities having to report to multiple Agencies
 - A desire for strong protection of information contained in reports
 - The importance of sharing with the public and private sector entities the results of the assessments, analysis, etc. that CISA performs based on the reports



Voluntary Sharing of Incident Information

CISA encourages organizations to begin or continue voluntarily sharing information about cyber incidents while CIRCIA reporting requirements are developed

- Organizations are not required to submit cyber incident or ransom payment reports to CISA under CIRCIA until the effective date of the Final Rule
- CISA encourages organizations to begin or continue voluntarily sharing cyber incident information with CISA throughout the rulemaking period prior to the effective date of the Final Rule
 - When cyber incidents are reported quickly, CISA can use this information to render assistance and provide warning to prevent other organizations from falling victim to a similar incident
 - This information is also critical to identifying trends that can help efforts to protect the homeland
- Organizations can share information about unusual cyber activity and/or cyber incidents to report@cisa.gov or **(888) 282-0870**





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