



Public Consultation Document on
**The Cybersecurity Regulatory Framework for
the ICT Sector**

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Introduction

The Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC) in accordance with the Telecommunications Act issued by Royal Decree No. (M/12) dated 12/03/1422 H corresponding to 04/06/2001, Telecom Act Bylaw and CITC ordinance issued by Council of Ministers Decision No. (74) Dated 5/3/1422H corresponding to 28/05/2001, to regulate the Telecommunications and Information Technology Sector in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Communication and Information Technology Commission is seeking based on Telecom Act, Bylaw and its Ordinance to safeguard the public and users interests as well as maintain the confidentiality and security of telecommunications information through providing best quality and security standards.

The crucial need to mitigate cybersecurity risks of ICT services because they are essential part of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia infrastructure and one of the main pillars of economic growth, thus CITC is developing Cybersecurity Regulatory Framework for Licensed Service Providers.

The Draft Cybersecurity Regulatory Framework for the ICT Sector includes a number of key deliverables aim to regulate the cybersecurity in order to meet the expectations of users and partners in the ICT sector, which includes the availability and protection of services and information in the ICT sector. Also, provides a smooth and secure user experience in accordance with the highest standards of quality, security, and protection.

This project aims to:

- Enhance the current status of cybersecurity in the ICT sector.
- Adopt and implement best global practices in cybersecurity within the ICT sector
- Enhance the comprehensiveness of all cyber security laws and regulations in the ICT sector
- Support the achievement of vision 2030 objectives in providing a secure ICT infrastructure for the Kingdom
- Develop a mechanism to continuously improve the cybersecurity posture of the ICT sector

Scope and Objectives of the Public Consultation

CITC invites participants to submit their views on the "Cybersecurity Regulatory Framework for the ICT Sector". The purpose of the request for public consultation is to provide an opportunity for all concerned and interested parties to participate in the presentation of their views on the attached file "Draft Cybersecurity Regulatory Framework for the ICT Sector" in addition to the questions in the section: "Questions Regarding the Public Consultation Document".

CITC encourages participants to refer to the paragraph or phrase they wish to comment on and support their comments with the relevant data, analysis, and justifications. CITC is under no obligation to adopt the comments of any participant.

Upon completion of the public consultation, CITC will review all the comments to issue the appropriate Framework.

Submit the Comments

CITC has published the Public Consultation Document, including its annexes on the website (www.citc.gov.sa).

Participants who wish to submit their views/comments on the Public Consultation Document must submit it to CITC no later than Thursday 27/06/2019 corresponding to 24/10/1440H at 3:00 PM.

The views/comments can be submitted to one of the following addresses:

- By email: crf@citc.gov.sa
- Hand-delivered (paper and electronic) at the CITC premise:

Communications and Information Technology Commission, Al-Nakheel District-Prince Turki Bin Abdul Aziz I Street intersection with Imam Saud Bin Abdul Aziz Road.

- By mail (paper copy and electronic) through the following address :

Communications and Information Technology Commission, Al-Nakheel District-Prince Turki Bin Abdul Aziz I Street intersection with Imam Saud Bin Abdul Aziz Road, PO Box 75606, Riyadh 11588, Saudi Arabia.

Questions Regarding the Public Consultation Document

Regulatory Framework Objectives and Methodology:

- What do you think of document, objectives, structure, and scope of work?
- Do you think the document will help the licensed service provider improve cybersecurity practices?
- What is your opinion of the mentioned domains?
- What is your opinion of the level of details of the mentioned controls?
- Is the methodology and levels of compliance in the regulatory framework appropriate?
- Are there any additional details or comments that should be included in the regulatory framework?

Challenges to Adopt the Regulatory Framework:

- What are the current or expected challenges to the licensed service provider regarding the compliance of the regulatory framework?

Role of the Regulatory Authority:

- What challenges may face CITC in managing the regulatory framework?
- What is the expected support from CITC during regulatory framework implementation?