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## European Parliament adopts EU cybersecurity directive: beware of early implementation

The European Parliament approved the final text of the EU Network and Information Security Directive (NIS Directive) on 6 July 2016. This marks the final stage of a three-year legislative process on the first EU-wide rules on cybersecurity. The NIS Directive introduces new information security and notification obligations for operators of essential services and key digital service providers. Although member states have approximately two years to transpose the NIS Directive into national law, the Netherlands plans to introduce some obligations as early as the end of 2016 - beginning 2017 under the recently proposed Cybersecurity Breach Notification Bill. Businesses operating in key sectors of the economy should review and update their cybersecurity policies and processes and prepare for the new obligation to report serious cybersecurity incidents to supervisory authorities.