

From the office of the Chief Executive

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To: The Chief Executive

Relevant licence holders re: heightened cyber security risk

Dear Sirs,

The National Cyber Security Centre recently¹ called on organisations in the UK to bolster their online defences, following the Russian attack on Ukraine.

The Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018 (NIS Regulations) imposes obligations on the Operators of Essential Services (OES), which includes electricity, gas and water operators, through the Competent Authority², which is the Department of Finance.

We advise you to review the guidance³ issued by the NCSC on steps to take when the cyber threat is heightened and to continue to follow the guidance⁴ from the Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

¹ <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/organisations-urged-to-bolster-defences>

² <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/security-network-information-systems>

³ <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/actions-to-take-when-the-cyber-threat-is-heightened>

⁴ <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dfp/guidance-network-information-systems-regulations-2018.pdf>

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