Cybersecurity and Cybercrime (Critical Information Infrastructure Designation) Regulations 2026

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THE CYBERSECURITY AND CYBERCRIME ACT 2021

Regulations made by the Minister under section 51 of the Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Act 2021

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Cybersecurity and Cybercrime (Critical Information Infrastructure Designation) Regulations 2026.**

2. In these regulations -

"Act" means the Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Act 2021;

"Committee" means the National Cybersecurity Committee established under section 3 of the Act;

"critical information infrastructure" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Act;

"critical information infrastructure owner" means the owner responsible for the operation of a designated critical information infrastructure;

"regulatory authority" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Act;

3. These regulations shall apply to -

(a) the financial services sector (banking and non-banking);

(b) the public service;

(c) the information and communication technology and broadcasting sectors;

(d) the energy and water supply sectors; and

(e) the transport industry.

4. Designation of critical information infrastructure

(1) The Committee, in consultation with the regulatory body, may designate a system as a critical information infrastructure in accordance with the criteria set out in section *33(2)* of the Act.

(2) The Committee shall, by notice published in the Gazette, give public notice of any system that is designated as a critical information infrastructure.

5. Obligations of critical information infrastructure owner/ operator

Every owner of a designated critical information infrastructure shall comply with the directions of the regulatory body in accordance with section 34 of the Act.

6. Confidentiality and protection of information

No person, other than a person authorised in writing by the regulatory authority shall have access to any information, including the architecture, vulnerability and security aspects of a critical information infrastructure.

7. Review and revocation

(1) The Committee shall, every 3 years, in consultation with the regulatory authority, review the designation of an infrastructure as a critical information infrastructure.

(2) The Committee may, following the review under paragraph (1), maintain or revoke the designation of an infrastructure as a critical information infrastructure.

8. Offence

Any critical information infrastructure owner who fails to comply with these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding *5* years.

9. Transitional provision

Every owner of a critical information infrastructure shall, within 12 months of the coming into operation of these regulations, comply with these regulations.

10. Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation on 1 June 2026.

Made by the Minister on 29 May 2026.