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DORA QUICK LINKS: TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

This document provides links to the suite of finalised and draft technical standards and joint guidelines that have been published by the European Supervisory Authorities (**ESAs**) under the Digital Operational Resilience Act (**DORA**). The document will be updated to incorporate final versions of the technical standards and guidelines that have yet to be published in the Official Journal / on the websites of the ESAs'.

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TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Finalised technical standards

Following adoption by the European Commission, five sets of regulatory technical standards (RTS) and two sets of implementing technical standards (ITS) have been published in the Official Journal on various dates between 25 June 2024 and 20 February 2025 in the form of Commission Delegated Regulations and Commission Implementing Regulations. The RTS and ITS can be can be accessed at the following links.

- RTS on ICT risk management framework and simplified ICT risk management framework
- RTS to specify the policy on ICT services supporting critical or important functions provided by third party service providers
- RTS for the classification of ICT related incidents and cyber threats
- ITS specifying standard templates for the register of information on contractual arrangements

RTS on harmonisation of conditions enabling the conduct of oversight activities

- RTS on reporting major ICT related incidents and notifying significant cyber threats
- ITS on reporting major ICT related incidents and notifying significant cyber threats

Final draft technical standards

Three sets of final draft RTS, which were published by the ESAs on 17 July and 26 July 2024, have yet to be finalised, notwithstanding that the DORA implementation date has passed. These final draft RTS can be accessed at the following links.

- Final draft RTS on subcontracting ICT services supporting critical or important functions
- Final draft RTS on threat-led penetration testing
- Final draft RTS on the criteria for determining the composition of the joint examination team

JOINT GUIDELINES

Finalised joint guidelines

On 6 November 2024, the ESAs published their joint guidelines on oversight cooperation and information exchange between the ESAs and competent authorities, which can be accessed at the following link.

Joint guidelines on oversight cooperation and information exchange between the ESAs and competent authorities

Draft joint guidelines

On 17 July 2024, the ESAs published draft joint guidelines on the estimation of aggregated costs and losses caused by major ICT related incidents, which can be accessed at the following link.

• Final draft guidelines on estimation of aggregated osts and losses caused by major ICT related incidents

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NEXT STEPS

The final draft RTS are subject to review and adoption by the European Commission, following which they will be finalised and published in the Official Journal.

The European Commission has requested the ESAs to make specific amendments to the final draft RTS on subcontracting ICT services supporting critical or important functions and resubmit the revised final draft to the European Commission for adoption – for further detail on this, please see our client insight.

For further information on DORA and its impact on your firm, please contact Patrick Brandt, Partner, Ciara Brady, Senior Associate, Louise Hogan, Senior Associate, Sarah Lee, Senior Knowledge Lawyer or any member of ALG's Financial Regulation Advisory team.

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NEXT STEPS

The draft joint guidelines have been adopted by the Boards of Supervisors of the ESAs. Once finalised, they will be translated into the official languages of the European Union and published on the websites of the ESAs.

