

Compliance Framework Changes in 2025–2026:

Quick Reference Chart for MSPs



Framework	Key Change	Effective Date	MSP Action Item
UK Data Act 2025	Expanded lawful bases, stricter marketing/cookie rules, higher fines	June 2025	Review UK data handling, marketing workflows, and cookie banners
EU Data Act	Customer access/portability for IoT and cloud data	Sept 12, 2025	Prep for data portability requests; update data-sharing policies
ISO/IEC 27001:2022	All certs must be transitioned to 2022 standard with updated controls	Oct 31, 2025	Migrate controls; revise ISMS policies; conduct transition audits
NYDFS Cybersecurity Rule	MFA for all users, asset inventory, breach reporting clarified	Nov 1, 2025	Implement MFA; create asset inventory; update incident response
CMMC 2.0 - Phase 1 (Department of War)	Phase 1 begins in November; required in government contracts; rollout of Level 1 & 2 assessments	Nov 10, 2025	Control implementation and documentation for client CUI
SEC Reg S-P (Large Firms)	30-day breach notification, mandatory written security program	Dec 2025	Review breach response plans; update data privacy policies
HIPAA Security Rule	Stronger encryption, MFA, explicit risk analysis, vendor oversight	Expected 2026	Begin HIPAA gap analysis; prep for stricter technical safeguards

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CIRCI (US Critical Infra)	72-hour breach & 24-hour ransomware reporting to CISA	May 2026	Implement incident tracking/reporting workflows
SEC Reg S-P (Small Firms)	Same as above (30-day breach, security programs)	June 2026	Formalize policies; document breach detection/reporting systems
EU DORA (Finance)	ICT risk requirements for financial entities; technical testing & reporting	July 17, 2026	Update client DR/BCP, ICT vendor controls, and incident logs
EU AI Act	Rules for high-risk AI systems; transparency obligations	Aug 2, 2026	Identify AI use cases; review model documentation & governance
EU NIS2 Directive	24-hour reporting, stricter governance, larger fines, broader scope	Mid-2026 audits start	Assess in-scope clients; build compliance plans for essential sectors
GTIA Cybersecurity Trustmark	Third-party cybersecurity validation for MSPs (based on CIS)	Launched in 2024, uptake in 2025-26	MSPs should start mapping controls and pursue certification