

What does it mean?

CISA details how public and private entities share cyber information and establishes provisions for the information's protection, including the protection of personally identifiable information (PII). Specifically it:

- **Requires** the federal government to release periodic best practices. Entities will then be able to use the best practices to further defend their cyber infrastructure.
- **Identifies** the federal government's permitted uses of cyber threat indicators and defensive measures, while also restricting the information's disclosure, retention and use.
- **Authorizes** entities to share cyber threat indicators and defensive measures with each other and with DHS, with liability protection.
- **Protects** PII by requiring entities to remove identified PII from any information that is shared with the federal government. It requires that any federal agency that receives cyber information containing PII to protect the PII from unauthorized use or disclosure. The U.S. Attorney General and Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security will publish guidelines to assist in meeting this requirement.

Some Guidance

There were four documents that were delivered to congress that DHS has posted online. All of which were meant to provide some guidance while seeking compliance with CISA. These documents are available at <https://www.us-cert.gov/ais> and include:

- Guidance for sharing information by the federal government; https://www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/ais_files/Federal_Government_Sharing_Guidance_%28103%29.pdf
- Guidance to businesses and other non-federal entities for sharing cyber threat indicators and defensive measures with the federal government; https://www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/ais_files/Non-Federal_Entity_Sharing_Guidance_%28Sec105%28a%29%29.pdf
- Interim operational procedures for sharing cyber threat indicators and defensive measures with the federal government; https://www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/ais_files/Operational_Procedures_%28105%28a%29%29.pdf
- Privacy and civil liberties interim guidance. https://www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/ais_files/Privacy_and_Civil_Liberties_Guidelines_%28Sec105%28b%29%29.pdf

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