

IoT Cybersecurity Regulation and Standardization

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▶▶ Introduction: VDOO Connected Trust Ltd.

The VDOO Integrated Device Security Platform ensures optimal security across the entire device lifecycle, helping vendors secure their connected products. It includes security analysis, gap resolution, compliance validation, embedded protection, operations monitoring, actionable insights and security intelligence.

VDOO, which received \$45 million in funding from prominent investors including leading Japanese firms such as MS&AD HOLDINGS and NTT DOCOMO, has multiple Japanese customers through local distribution partners Dai Nippon Printing Co. (DNP) and Macnica Networks.



Past work with standards

- Certified hardware security modules to the FIPS 140-2 standard
- Heavily used other NIST standards
- Participated in several standardization bodies

Currently at VDOO

- Responsible for cyber-security standards in VDOO Vision, including CCDS
- Collaborated with Japanese MIC on their standards survey
- Currently contributing to the OWASP ISVS project

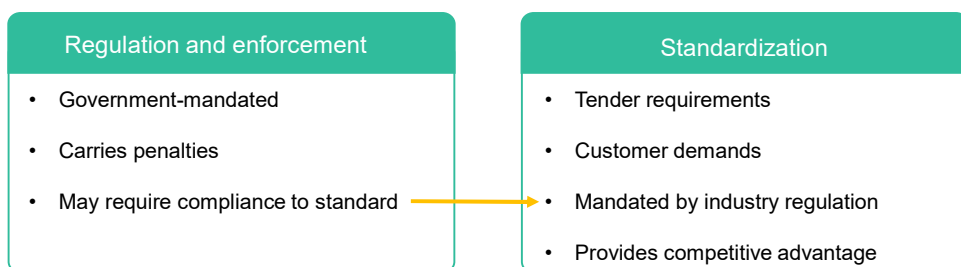
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Introduction



»» Motivation: Drivers to compliance



Common sanctions for non-compliance with these regulations could have serious financial and reputational implications for corporations and staff, including:

- Fines
- Personal liability and imprisonment of managers or officers
- Cease and desist orders
- Erasure of data
- Public announcements and product recalls
- Binding instructions on security features

<https://www.iotsecurityfoundation.org/best-practice-guidelines/>

2. Regulation



Regulation

Enforced by governments

- Highly regional

Created by government and legislators

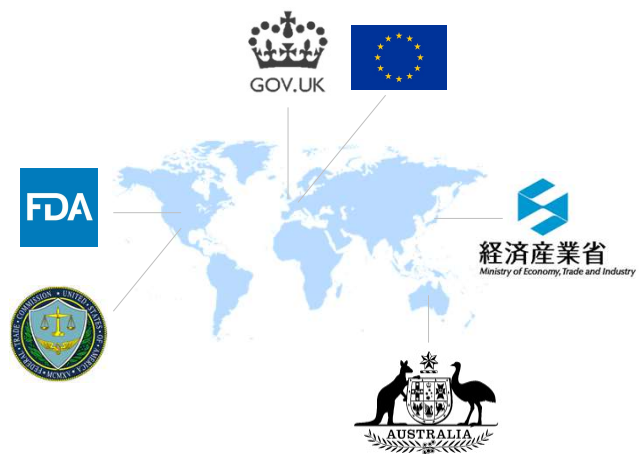
- Rarely update
- Not detailed
- Usually has a long lead time

Often applies in an industry vertical

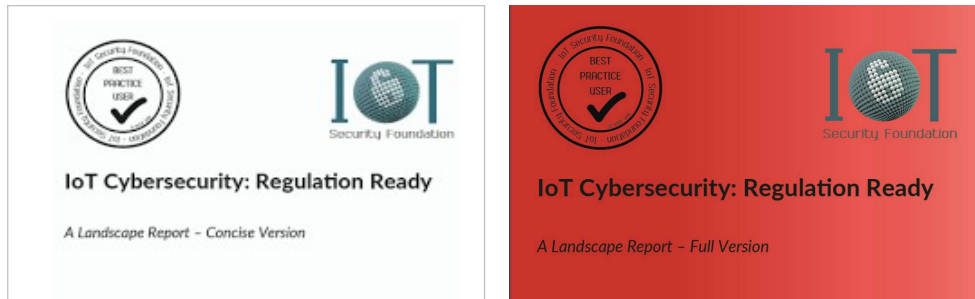
- Medical, automotive, critical infrastructure

Can apply to a specific topic

- Safety, privacy, child protection



Overview paper from the IoT Security Foundation



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FDA regulations only apply if the device intends to:

- ... Diagnose, prevent, cure, mitigate, or treat
- ... A disease or other condition
- ... That affects the structure or function of the body

FDA guidance

- Content of Premarket Submissions for Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices
- Postmarket Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices
- Cybersecurity for Networked Medical Devices Containing Off-the-Shelf (OTS) Software

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/digital-health/cybersecurity>



Regulation	Sanctions
Federal Trade Commission Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fines up to \$41,484 per violation, per day • Restitution for domestic and foreign victims • Audits (one-off or repeated) • Product recall or cease and desist orders • Imprisonment • Federal court and/or state civil action lawsuit • Requests for documentary evidence

Table 11 Sanctions: Federal Trade Commission Act

Regulatory Requirement	Security-Minded Treatment Examples
Section 52: Dissemination of false advertisements (misrepresentation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internationally recognised standards • Certification or conformity assessment • Adoption of security and best practice frameworks
Section 45: Unfair methods of competition unlawful; prevention by Commission (causes or is likely to cause substantial injury)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product lifecycle management and support • Encryption • Anonymisation and pseudonymisation
Section 50: Offenses and penalties (failure to produce documentary evidence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification or conformity assessment • Data Protection Policy • Privacy- and security-by-design policies • System or technical logs or backup files

Table 12 Treatment Examples: Federal Trade Commission Act

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VS. **TRENDNET**



“TRENDnet marketed its SecurView cameras for purposes ranging from home security to baby monitoring, and claimed in numerous product descriptions that they were “secure.” In fact, the cameras had faulty software that left them open to online viewing, and in some instances listening, by anyone with the cameras’ Internet address.”

The charges were settled, with TRENDnet agreeing to:

- Stop misleading marketing
- Provide customers with free tech support over 2 years
- Establish a comprehensive information security program with third-party security audits every 2 years for 20 years.



<https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2014/02/ftc-approves-final-order-settling-charges-against-trendnet-inc>



1798.91.04. (a) A manufacturer of a connected device shall equip the device with a reasonable security feature or features that are all of the following:

- (1) Appropriate to the nature and function of the device.
 - (2) Appropriate to the information it may collect, contain, or transmit.
 - (3) Designed to protect the device and any information contained therein from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure.
- (b) Subject to all of the requirements of subdivision (a), if a connected device is equipped with a means for authentication outside a local area network, it shall be deemed a reasonable security feature under subdivision (a) if either of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The preprogrammed password is unique to each device manufactured.
 - (2) The device contains a security feature that requires a user to generate a new means of authentication before access is granted to the device for the first time.

- First US regulation dictating cybersecurity features in a general consumer device
- In effect since January 1st, 2020
- Unlike most other regulations, directly defines two security features to implement



<https://www.vdoo.com/blog/key-takeaways-from-the-california-security-of-connected-devices-bill>



European Union - EU Cybersecurity Act

- Will use ENISA standards as basis



UK - Code of Practice for Consumer IoT Security

- Regulation combined with a standard and a labelling scheme



US - IoT Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2019

- Will use NIST standards as basis



Automotive - UNECE WP.29

- World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations



Medical - IMDRF Principles and Practices for Medical Device Cybersecurity

3. Standardization



Standardization

Created by:

- Government bodies
- For-profit companies
- Non-profit organizations



Contain requirements

- Detail level varies widely!

Scope varies

- Industry vertical (Automotive, Consumer)
- Technology or protocol (Bluetooth, TLS)



Development pace

- Last published in 2002
- Incremental changes made to guidance documents
- Superseded by FIPS 140-3 in 2020

Region

- Originally – US
- In fact widely influential

Industry and product class

- Originally - cryptographic modules
- In fact widely used in the embedded industry

Technical detail level

- High

Enforcement

- For US government purchases only

Certification type

- Explicit - [Cryptographic Module Validation Program](#)
- Uses certification laboratories
- Involves releasing materials to the public
- Explicit re-certification program
- Many companies claim compliance without certification
- FIPS 140-2 certification closes in Sept 2021

NIST
FIPS 140-
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Development pace

- Published in 2020
- Based on two ISO/IEC documents:
 - ISO/IEC 19790:2012
 - ISO/IEC 24759:2017

Region

- US, Canada
- Expected to be widely influential like its predecessor

Industry and product class

- Still meant for cryptographic modules

Technical detail level

- High

Enforcement

- For US government purchases only

Certification type

- Explicit - [Cryptographic Module Validation Program](#) (same as for FIPS 140-2)

Differences from FIPS 140-2

- Multiple changes
- Requires buying the ISO/IEC standards

NIST
FIPS 140-
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Development pace

- Last published in Feb 2020
- Previous versions in 2015, 2016

Region

- Originally – US
- In fact widely influential

Industry and product class

- Enterprise organizations deploying general purpose PCs, connected devices, and mobile phones (including BYOD scenarios)
- In fact widely used in the embedded industry

Technical detail level

- Medium
- Refers to multiple NIST standards by relevant area

Enforcement

- Required by Department of Defense via DFARS clause [252.204-7012](#) (Federal Acquisition Regulation)
- Applies to contractors and sub-contractors!
- Based on the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) Moderate level requirements

Certification type

- Uses third-party companies



Development pace

- Only published in 2017

Region

- US-based, worldwide influence

Industry and product class

- General: 2900-1
- Industrial: 2900-2-2
- Medical: 2900-2-3
- Cryptographic modules: 2900-3-1

Technical detail level

- Low to Medium

Enforcement

- None

Certification type

- Explicit
- Uses UL certification laboratories
- Recognized by FDA



Selected organizations, by region



Choosing the relevant standards



By what the regulation requires

- Usually determined by region and product class



By industry vertical

- Medical
- Automotive
- Industrial control
- Children's products



By what the customers demand

- Tender requirements



By what competitors do

- Compliance can affect customer demand
- Compliance can serve as a competitive advantage



Compliant by declaration

- Marketing information only



Self-certification

- Questionnaire
- Documentation
- Automated tests



Third-party certification

- Certified laboratories
- Independent bodies
- Pen-testing



Getting help

- Consultants
- Laboratories
- Initial gap report



Going through certification

- Development
- Documentation
- Dedicated point of contact



Receiving a certificate

- Interacting with the certifying body



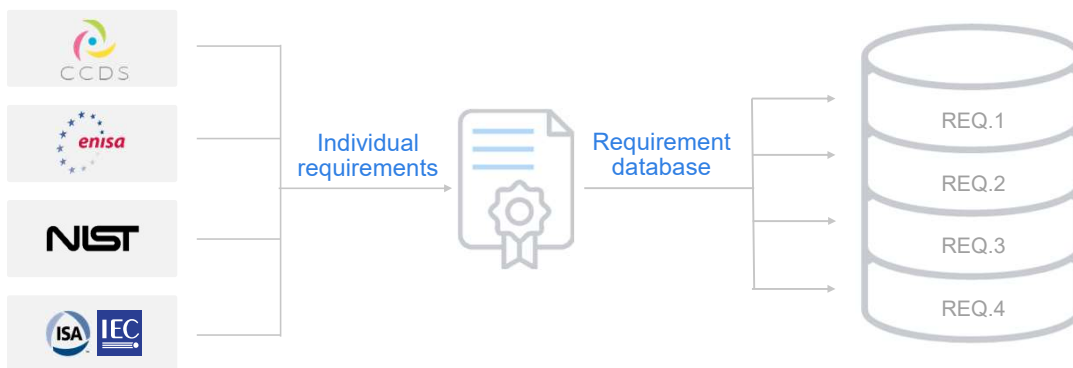
Maintaining a certificate

- Maintaining certification while patching the product
- Re-certifying your next product version
- Expiration or sunsetting

4. Using automated tools



»» Mapping standards to requirements and scanners



After choosing the relevant standard(s):

- Break them into requirements
- Map them into the internal database
- This links their requirements with scanners

Creating a gap report

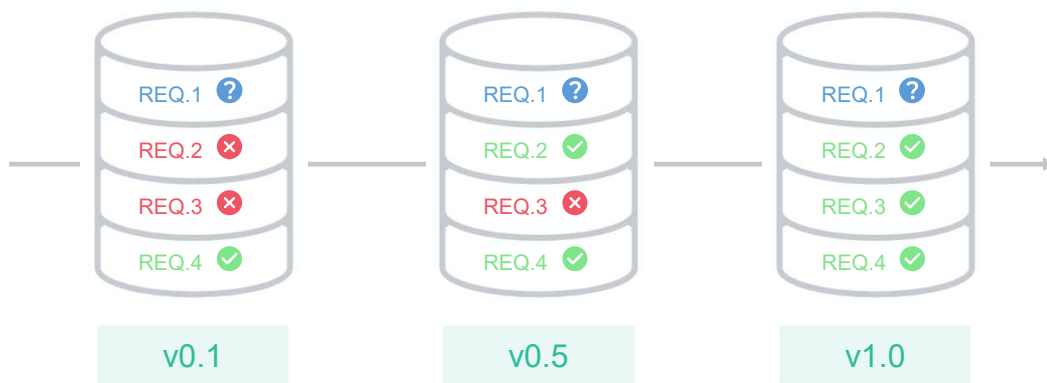


Now automate the verification process:

- Run the scanners
- Each one outputs positive, negative or N/A
- This produces a gap report in a matter of minutes

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Tracking across versions



- Integrate security scanning with CI/CD
- Track across product versions
- Track across entire product lines
- This can make the security process seamless

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Shortening the certification process

