

Information-Sharing Arrangement Notification Process

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Introduction

In line with Chapter VI *Information sharing Arrangements* of Regulation (EU) 2022/2554 on digital operational resilience for the financial sector (the 'DORA Regulation'), the Malta Financial Services Authority ('MFSA', 'the Authority') is herewith establishing an Information-Sharing Arrangement notification process as communicated on 17 January 2025 through Circular titled [Cyber Reporting Management System \(CRMS\)](#).

Information-Sharing Arrangements are established for the exchange of cyber threat information and intelligence, including indicators of compromise, tactics, techniques, and procedures, cyber security alerts and configuration tools. These arrangements aim to enhance the digital operational resilience of financial entities, take place within trusted communities, and are implemented in a manner that protect the potentially sensitive nature of the information shared, and are governed by rules of conduct in full respect of business confidentiality, protection of personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and guidelines on competition policy. Membership in Information-Sharing Arrangements is an encouraged practice.

This process is being released alongside the following material, which is made available on the MFSA website (Our Work > Supervisory ICT Risk & Cybersecurity):

1. Template for Information-Sharing Arrangement Notifications ('the Template', 'the provided Template');
2. User Guidelines for submitting Information-Sharing Arrangement Notifications ('the User Guidelines').

Scope and Applicability

This process and its accompanying material **apply to all Authorised Persons within scope of the DORA Regulation** (see Article 2 of the DORA Regulation) as of 17 January 2025.

The Authority is also extending the opportunity for the same notification process to **all other Authorised Persons that are not subject to the DORA Regulation on a voluntary basis** from the date of publication of Circular titled [Cyber Reporting Management System \(CRMS\)](#) and this document, that is, 17 January 2025.

Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
Authorised Person	Any person that is licensed, registered, or otherwise authorised by the Malta Financial Services Authority. The term “Licence Holder” is also used by the Authority.
Cyber Threat	Any potential circumstance, event or action that could damage, disrupt or otherwise adversely impact network and information systems, the users of such systems and other persons [as defined in Article 2, point (8), of Regulation (EU) 2019/881 which is also the definition provided by the DORA Regulation].
DORA Regulation	Regulation (EU) 2022/2554 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on digital operational resilience for the financial sector and amending Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009, (EU) No 648/2012, (EU) No 600/2014, (EU) No 909/2014 and (EU) 2016/1011.
Information-Sharing Arrangement	As provided by Article 45 of the DORA Regulation.
MFSA	Malta Financial Services Authority (the ‘Authority’).
SIRC	The Supervisory ICT Risk and Cybersecurity Function within the MFSA.

The Notification Process

The process to notify the Authority of:

1. the **participation** in an Information-Sharing Arrangement, upon validation of the membership, and/or,
2. the **cessation of membership** from an Information-Sharing Arrangement, once it takes effect,

is to be carried out through the Cyber Reporting Management System (CRMS) within the License Holder (LH) Portal, using the provided Template.

Participation: requires a copy of the Information-Sharing Arrangement Notification Form and the membership validation, which shall be done by presenting either of the below, per participation:

- A written statement by the Governing Body of the respective Information-Sharing Arrangement confirming the membership.
- Membership Certificate or Card, clearly illustrating the name of the Authorised Person and the name of the Information-Sharing Arrangement.

The Authorised Person shall ensure that the Information-Sharing Arrangement meets the requirements of Chapter VI of the DORA Regulation.

Cessation of membership: requires a copy of the Information-Sharing Arrangement Notification Form.

Authorised Persons may request further information or assistance by calling the Supervisory ICT Risk & Cybersecurity (SIRC) Function on +356 2548 5260 or by sending an email to mirt@mfsa.mt.

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