



Central Depository Services (India) Limited

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COMMUNIQUÉ TO DEPOSITORY PARTICIPANTS

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CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY

This is in reference to the multiple communiques issued to Depository Participants regarding systems to be put in place for creating a robust cyber security and cyber resilience framework to counter various types of cyber-attacks.

All Depository Participants are hereby advised to adhere to the below guidelines:

1. As financial services are a critical information infrastructure, it has been observed that it is one of the primary targets of cyber-attacks. To ensure continuous availability of services and to prevent cyber-attacks, all DPs are requested to ensure the following:
 - a. Take review of the cyber security safeguards put in place, and any gaps found should be fixed on priority.
 - b. Adequate safety and security measures (like intrusion detection/prevention system, anti-virus, firewall, etc.) are in place to protect the critical data, infrastructure, and applications.
 - c. Review the communication links provisioned for trading, communications and other services exposed to the customers and partners on the internet / private networks. Ensure that all the internet links and services are adequately protected from cyber-attacks including DoS / DDoS attacks.
 - d. Continuously monitor the applications and services for their availability and response time.
 - e. Any cybersecurity incident is promptly reported to the relevant authorities including CDSL. Such incident should be reported to CDSL on dpinfosec@cdslindia.com and helpdesk@cdslindia.com.
 - f. All Depository Participants are also advised to continue to adhere to cyber security guidelines / advisories issued by SEBI in the past and follow best industry practices and comply with other guidelines issued by CERT-In (<https://cert-in.org.in>) and NCIIPC (<https://www.nciipc.gov.in>) from time to time.

References:

1. CDSL circular CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2019/375 dated July 06, 2019
2. CDSL circular CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2019/535 dated October 23, 2019
3. CDSL circular CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2021/207 dated May 04, 2021
4. CDSL circular CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2021/210 dated May 06, 2021



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