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Cyber Security

The CMA Board regularly reviews Central Systems and CMA office cyber security.

The CMA has taken many steps to maintain and enhance cyber security – updating physical infrastructure, increasing the penetration testing frequency for the Central Systems, achieving Cyber Essentials accreditation, and promoting staff awareness – and cyber security is an important element of our technology strategy.

The recent Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) case has demonstrated the potential impact of a cyber-attack on individual businesses and highlighted the interdependency between organisations, with many SEPA stakeholders facing a heightened risk level and focusing on mitigation measures.

The Board is keen to promote a high level of cyber security among all Market Participants and would recommend discussion of the topic at the MPF. In the meantime, we would like to encourage all Participants to consider Cyber Essentials certification for their own organisations. The 'Gov.UK' website states:

> "Cyber Essentials is a Government-backed, industry-supported scheme to help organisations protect themselves against common online threats."

Information on Cyber Essentials can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-essentials-scheme-overview