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Standard/Regulation	Clause/Article	Comment
ISO/IEC 27001:2022	Clause 8.1	
ISO/IEC 27002:2022	Control 8.20	
NIST SP 800-53 Rev.5	AC-4, SC-7	
EU GDPR	Article 32	
EU NIS2	Articles 21(2)(d), (e)	
EU DORA	Articles 9, 10	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all internal and external network communications are protected against unauthorized access, tampering, eavesdropping, or misuse by clearly defined security controls.
- 1.2. It establishes rules for secure design, usage, and management of network infrastructure including routers, wireless access points, remote access connections, and segmented networks.
- 1.3. It aims to minimize exposure to internet-based threats, ensure the confidentiality of data transmitted over internal and external networks, and maintain the availability of critical services.
- 1.4. This policy supports ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certification and directly contributes to meeting legal and regulatory obligations under GDPR, NIS2, and DORA, while offering technical assurance to customers and auditors.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all components of the organization's IT network, including:
 - 2.1.1. Wired and wireless infrastructure at office locations
 - 2.1.2. Routers, switches, access points, firewalls, and gateways
 - 2.1.3. Remote access connections including VPNs, RDP, and cloud tunnels
 - 2.1.4. Cloud-based applications accessed from internal or external networks
 - 2.1.5. Devices connected to the network by employees, contractors, or guests
- 2.2. This policy governs both physical and logical network segments, including guest zones, IoT devices, and back-office systems.
- 2.3. The policy covers all personnel with access to the organization's network, including:
 - 2.3.1. Internal employees
 - 2.3.2. Remote workers and hybrid staff
 - 2.3.3. External vendors, consultants, and service providers
 - 2.3.4. Guests using temporary Wi-Fi access

3. Objectives

- 3.1. Ensure the organization's network is protected against unauthorized access and external cyber threats
- 3.2. Enforce proper segmentation between trusted and untrusted networks (e.g., guest Wi-Fi, vendor access)
- 3.3. Enable secure remote connectivity without compromising internal systems
- 3.4. Prevent malware propagation and data exfiltration through network channels
- 3.5. Provide monitoring, alerting, and auditing of network activity to support incident detection and compliance
- 3.6. Ensure only approved and secured devices are allowed to connect to internal networks
- 3.7. Fulfill obligations under ISO 27001, GDPR, and related cybersecurity frameworks

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- 4.1. **General Manager (GM)**
 - 4.1.1. Owns this policy and ensures appropriate resources are assigned for secure network design and management

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- 4.1.2. Reviews exceptions to network security controls and approves vendor network access agreements
- 4.1.3. Reviews incidents or audit findings related to network security weaknesses

4.2. **IT Support Provider / Internal IT Role**

- 4.2.1. Implements, configures, and maintains all firewalls, routers, switches, and wireless controllers
- 4.2.2. Manages segmentation between internal, guest, and external networks
- 4.2.3. Monitors logs and alerts for unauthorized access attempts or network anomalies
- 4.2.4. Ensures firmware and configuration updates are applied securely and timely

4.3. **Privacy or Security Coordinator**

- 4.3.1. Verifies that network controls support compliance with personal data protection requirements
- 4.3.2.

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Reference Standards and Frameworks

ISO/IEC 27001:2022

Clause 8.1 – Requires implementation of controls to ensure secure and resilient operations, including networks.

ISO/IEC 27002:2022

Control 8.20 – Provides technical and procedural guidance for securing network access, segmentation, and monitoring.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev.5

AC-4 – Mandates control of information flow within networks and between systems.

SC-7 – Requires boundary protection, secure routing, and network segmentation to reduce risk of unauthorized access.

EU GDPR

Article 32 – Requires appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of networked systems and services that process personal data.

EU NIS2 Directive

Article 21(2)(d) – Mandates risk-based technical measures including network security and access control.

Article 21(2)(e) – Requires system segmentation and isolation to prevent cyber incidents from propagating.

EU DORA

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Article 9 – Requires firms to implement ICT risk management controls, including those for secure networks and communications.

Article 10 – Demands that digital resilience strategies encompass protection for network infrastructure and remote connectivity.

COBIT 2019

DSS05.02 – Requires effective protection of IT infrastructure and network environments against internal and external threats.

APO13.01 – Requires risk management strategies that include network segmentation and monitoring as part of threat mitigation.

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