

Sepio Compliance Guide:

NBC's Technology Risk Management Guidelines

Introduction:

With Banking and Financial Institutions (BFIs) increasingly using technology to support various business processes, the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) has established guidelines to help BFIs create a secure technology ecosystem. Implementation of these recommendations needs to be risk based following the stipulations outlined in the guidelines.

This guide outlines how to use Sepio's asset visibility, control, and continuous monitoring capabilities to meet the NBC requirements for BFIs organizations. It details the alignment with relevant controls, while offering practical steps to enhance compliance and strengthen your organization's security posture, ensuring proper cyber hygiene controls are in place across all assets in your organization.





	CATEGORY	HOW SEPIO HELPS
1. InformationTechnologyGovernance	1.1. IT Governance Structure	Sepio supports strong IT governance by providing real-time visibility and control over hardware assets. This aligns with governance policies requiring asset monitoring, risk management, and compliance reporting.
	1.2. Risk-Based IT Strategy	 Sepio's trafficless asset discovery ensures that no unauthorized devices infiltrate the IT environment, reducing governance risks related to hardware-based attacks. Integration with security frameworks enables organizations to maintain adherence to regulatory requirements.
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2. IT Governance Policy and Procedures	2.1. IT Policy, Standards, and Procedures	 Sepio contributes to effective IT governance by: Providing accurate, real-time asset inventories that support risk-based IT policies. Enforcing hardware-related compliance standards by ensuring that only authorized devices are connected to the network.





 3.1. Cyber Security Essentials 3.1.1. Access Control Sepio enhances access control by: Preventing rogue device connections by continuous verifying the authenticity of connected hardware Supporting tag-based access control (TBAC) by restricting access to predefined trusted devices. Detecting unauthorized hardware even if it is discussion with spoofed credentials or MAC addresses. 	
3.1.2. Network Security Unlike traditional network traffic monitoring, Sepi trafficless approach secures the IT infrastructure monitoring physical layer connectivity. Detects man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks, black attacks, and rogue devices. Supports zero-trust hardware access by enforcing strict hardware validation before allowing networ communication. 3.1.3. Remote Access Identifies unauthorized USB and peripheral device could be used to access internal resources remote. Prevents hardware-based insider threats by enfo	e. sguised pio by ck-box ng ork ices that otely.
policies on externally connected devices.	



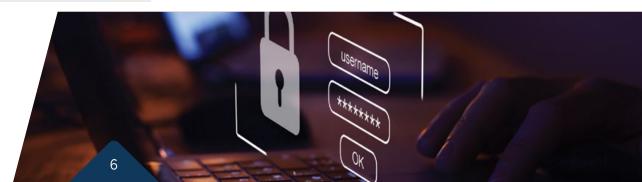
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	3.1.4. Patch Management
	 Provides insights into network infrastructure firmware versions and vulnerabilities to support timely patching.
	3.1.5. Cryptographic Controls
	 Supports hardware verification by ensuring encryption modules exists where required and that they are not tampered with.
	3.1.6. Vulnerability Assessment
	Sepio supports vulnerability assessment by:
	 Identifying known-to-vulnerable hardware and providing immediate alerts.
	 Integrating with threat intelligence feeds to detect high- risk devices.
	• Enabling risk scoring for hardware assets.
	3.1.7. Physical and Environmental Security
	Sepio strengthens physical security by:
	 Pinpointing hardware locations (e.g., edge port, USB port, PCI slot).
	 Enabling geofencing policies (through tags and attributes) that restrict device usage to approved locations.
	 Detecting unauthorized physical access attempts through unexpected hardware presence.



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	3.1.8. User Training and Awareness
	 Sepio helps security teams educate employees about hardware threats by demonstrating real-world attack scenarios.
	 Provides visual dashboards to illustrate hardware security risks and compliance status.
	3.1.9. System and Application Security Controls
	Sepio enhances system security by:
	 Preventing hardware-based exploits (e.g., wifi keyloggers, cloning attacks).
	 Enforcing device policies to limit unauthorized connections.
	 Detecting hidden, rogue devices that evade traditional endpoint security tools.
	3.1.10. Data Security
	• Prevents data exfiltration via unauthorized peripherals
	 Identifies malicious implants or covert data-stealing devices.
	3.1.11. Wireless Security
	Sepio helps mitigate wireless threats by:
	 Detecting known to be vulnerable RF-based devices (i.e., Unifying receivers).
	 Identifying fake access points or rogue network adapters.



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		 3.1.12. Supplier Relationships Ensures third-party hardware compliance by validating supplier-provided devices. Supports supply chain security by detecting unauthorized device modifications.
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4. IT Services Outsourcing		 Sepio ensures security in outsourced IT environments by: Monitoring third-party hardware activity to prevent hidden threats. Providing automated asset reports to track compliance of external vendors.
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5. Information Security Audit		 Sepio simplifies security audits by: Automating asset discovery and classification. Maintaining historical hardware usage logs for forensic investigations. Providing compliance dashboards for regulators and auditors.





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6. Payment Card Security		 Sepio enhances payment security by: Detecting rogue devices (i.e., BlackBox) at ATMs and kiosks. Identifying unauthorized payment terminal modifications. Preventing hardware tampering in point-of-sale (POS) systems.
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7. BusinessContinuityPlanning (BCP)		 Sepio supports BCP by: Detecting hardware availability failures before they impact critical operations.
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8. Audit Trails and Incident Management		 Sepio strengthens audit and forensic capabilities by: Recording all device connection events for compliance tracking. Triggering alerts on unauthorized asset changes. Providing evidence for security investigations.



Key Takeaways for Compliance

1. Continuous Visibility

o Achieving a robust cyber security posture requires non-stop discovery and profiling, ensuring that all devices are accurately tracked.

2. Automated Integration

o Manual processes cannot scale for large BFIs entities. Integrations and automations with procurement systems, NAC solutions, and endpoint management are critical.

3. Lifecycle Enforcement

o From procurement to decommissioning, each stage of an asset's lifecycle must be governed by security policies that are monitored and enforced by solutions like Sepio.

4. Risk-Driven Remediation

 Detailed hardware context (ownership, risk level, compliance status) enables targeted remediation strategies that minimize operational disruptions while maintaining security.

5. Audit and Reporting

 Regularly review comprehensive logs and metrics (e.g., devices not in ITAM, NAC enrollment gaps) to identify vulnerabilities, demonstrate compliance, and drive continuous improvement.





Conclusion

By leveraging Sepio's real-time asset visibility, automated discovery, detailed hardware AssetDNA, and seamless integrations, medium and large BFIs can meet the NBCs practice requirements for cybersecurity.

Adopting these practices not only strengthens cybersecurity defences but also **ensures alignment with other global standards** (i.e., DORA), ultimately **protecting data and critical systems** from unauthorized access and cyber threats.

