A Checklist for EU RED (EN 18031) Compliance

- 1. Map your device connectivity (Wi-Fi, BLE, cellular)
- 2. Review product scope under RED vs MDR
- 3. Apply EN 18031-series standards
- 4. Create a security-by-design process
- 5. Build technical documentation for CE conformity
- 6. Set up a vulnerability handling process and disclosure policy





1. Map Your Device Connectivity

Why it matters:

RED applies specifically to radio equipment, meaning any device with a wireless interface (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, cellular, etc.).

- Document every radio interface used in the device.
- Include hidden or low-energy components (e.g., BLE beacons).
- Map communication paths between modules and external systems.



2. Review Product Scope Under RED and MDR

Why it matters:

Medical devices are typically regulated under the Medical Device Regulation (MDR), but if they include wireless communication, RED may also apply.

- Identify whether your device is strictly medical (under MDR) or also falls under RED due to connectivity.
- Devices not classified as "medical", such as remote patient monitors, are likely fully RED-regulated.
- Understand overlapping obligations if both apply.



3. Apply EN 18031-series Standards

Why it matters:

The EN 18031-series Standards will become mandatory in August 2025.

- Start implementing cybersecurity measures aligned for:
 - EN 18031-1: General principles
 - EN 18031-2: Risk assessment and threat analysis
 - EN 18031-3: Security requirements by class of device
- Conduct structured threat modeling and risk classification based on these guidelines.



4. Create a Security-by-Design Process

Why it matters:

- RED mandates proactive security not just afterthought patching.
- Embed security into product development, from premarket to postmarket.
- Use secure coding and static code analysis.
- Define and implement access controls, secure boot, encryption, and update validation mechanisms.
- Train engineering teams on secure SDLC practices.



5. Build Technical Documentation for CE Conformity

Why it matters:

- To apply the CE mark under RED, manufacturers must provide a Declaration of Conformity (DoC) and supporting technical files.
- Document your threat modeling, risk analysis, and implemented controls.
- Provide results from testing (e.g., penetration testing, vulnerability scans).
- Include your EN 18031 compliance mapping.
- Maintain this documentation for inspection by Notified Bodies or market surveillance.



6. Set Up Vulnerability Handling Process and Disclosure Policy

Why it matters:

RED requires postmarket protection of devices, not just secure design (premarket).

- Establish a coordinated vulnerability disclosure policy.
- Monitor for new CVEs and zero-days affecting your components.
- Monitor, prioritize, and mitigate vulnerabilities in a timely and traceable manner.
- Inform customers and regulators if critical vulnerabilities are found.



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