



## **AIC Media Statement on Myanmar's Cybersecurity Law**

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The Asia Internet Coalition is deeply concerned by the draft cybersecurity law released by Myanmar's Ministry of Transport and Communications. Not only would the draft law deny Internet users and businesses access to online services, free flow of information, and an open internet, banning the use of virtual private networks (VPNs) in this manner significantly increases cybersecurity risks. The provisions in the draft law are also vague and overly broad, making compliance extremely challenging and threatening non-compliant individuals with imprisonment. The draft law, if implemented as is, will greatly dampen the prospects of Myanmar's digital economy as innovation and investments dwindle.

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