

POINT OF VIEW - SEPTEMBER 2026

Sri Lanka: From Regulatory Obligation to Board-Ready Evidence.

Operational resilience and accountable governance for Sri Lankan institutions

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01 Sri Lanka Regulatory Landscape

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CBSL

Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Industries Regulated

Banking and lending



SEC

Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka

Industries Regulated

Capital markets and listed companies



DPA

Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka

Industries Regulated

Cross-sector data controllers and processors



Sri Lanka CERT

Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team

Industries Regulated

Government and critical infrastructure

02 Supervisory Priorities

The applicable perimeter depends on entity type, licence and sector. These priorities provide a practical starting point for programme design and evidence management.

01 Bank corporate governance

02 Technology resilience

03 IT and cyber incident reporting

04 Outsourcing controls

03 From Obligation to Board-Ready Evidence

Use one traceable workflow to translate requirements, manage execution and demonstrate oversight.

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Catalogue Obligations

Structure local requirements by entity, licence, authority and accountable owner.

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Connect Operational Evidence

Link obligations to risks, controls, incidents, tests, findings and remediation.

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Monitor and Assure

Track KRIs, control status, audit coverage, incidents and action closure continuously.

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Report to Leadership

Turn current operational evidence into traceable executive and board oversight.

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Sri Lanka Regulation and Product Map

Each official requirement below is translated into an operational GRC focus. Only platforms with a defensible workflow or evidence role are shown as a primary or supporting fit.

Banking Act Direction 05 of 2024 on Corporate Governance

CBSL

Applies To	Licensed commercial banks and licensed specialised banks
Operational Focus	Board and committee governance, risk appetite, internal controls, compliance, internal audit and supervisory accountability.
 Primary Fit	Risk and control registers, assessments, appetite or limits, KRIs, treatments, approvals and board reporting.
 Primary Fit	Audit universe, risk-based planning, RCM-linked testing, working papers, evidence, findings and follow-up.
Scope Boundary	Workflow and evidence support only. Applicability and legal interpretation remain with the organisation and its advisers.
Official Source	Open Official Source

Banking Act Direction 16 of 2021 on Technology Risk Management and Resilience

CBSL

Applies To	Licensed banks in Sri Lanka
Operational Focus	Technology governance, risk assessment, critical systems, cybersecurity, incident response, continuity and independent review.
 Primary Fit	Operational-risk registers, critical-service assessments, controls, KRIs, treatments and leadership reporting.
 Primary Fit	Cyber-event intake, escalation, investigation, root cause, corrective action, recovery tracking and audit trail.
 Primary Fit	Risk-based assurance, control testing, evidence, findings, approvals and remediation follow-up.
Scope Boundary	GRC workflow and evidence support only. The platforms do not replace technical security monitoring, detection or protection tools.
Official Source	Open Official Source

Circular 02 of 2025 on Reporting IT and Cybersecurity Incidents CBSL

Applies To	Licensed banks within the circular's scope
Operational Focus	Incident classification, regulatory notification, progress reporting, root-cause analysis and closure evidence.
 Primary Fit	Cyber-event intake, escalation, investigation, root cause, corrective action, recovery tracking and audit trail.
 Supporting Fit	Risk and control registers, assessments, appetite or limits, KRIs, treatments, approvals and board reporting.
Scope Boundary	GRC workflow and evidence support only. The platforms do not replace technical security monitoring, detection or protection tools.
Official Source	Open Official Source

Banking Act Direction 01 of 2026 on Outsourcing CBSL

Applies To	Licensed banks using outsourced services
Operational Focus	Third-party risk, due diligence, contracts, monitoring, concentration, exit plans, incidents and board oversight.
 Primary Fit	Third-party risks, controls, assessments, treatments, approvals, KRIs and oversight reporting.
 Primary Fit	Incident reporting, triage, investigation, root cause, corrective action, escalation and closure.
Scope Boundary	Workflow and evidence support only. Applicability and legal interpretation remain with the organisation and its advisers.
Official Source	Open Official Source

Personal Data Protection Act No. 9 of 2022 DPA	
Applies To	Controllers and processors within the Act's scope
Operational Focus	Data governance, impact assessment, security, processor oversight, breach response and accountability records.
 Primary Fit	Incident intake, assessment, investigation, notification workflow, corrective action, escalation and closure evidence.
 Supporting Fit	Privacy risks, controls, assessments, treatment actions, ownership, approvals and management reporting.
Scope Boundary	Workflow and evidence support only. Applicability and legal interpretation remain with the organisation and its advisers.
Official Source	Open Official Source

Research Review Official-source and product-fit review completed 1 September 2026.	Primary Fit Directly manages a central process or evidence set.	Supporting Fit Contributes linked evidence, oversight or follow-up.	Not Shown Weak or unsubstantiated relationships are omitted.
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Brochure-Validated Product Capability

The mapping uses capabilities documented in the current TransVare solution briefs. It does not extend the platforms beyond their stated functional scope.



Risk and Control Intelligence

Enterprise risk ownership, risk and control registers, assessments, appetite and tolerances, KRIs, treatments, approvals, dashboards and board reporting.

Central risk and control register | KRI threshold alerts | Treatment action tracking | AI-assisted drafting and classification



Independent Assurance

Audit universe, risk-based planning, engagement execution, RCM-linked control testing, evidence, findings, approvals and follow-up.

Risk-based audit planning | ToD and ToE procedures | Working papers and evidence | GIAS 2024 observation drafting



Incident Response and Closure

Incident intake, triage, investigation, root-cause analysis, escalation, notifications, corrective action, closure and lessons learned.

Central incident register | Investigation and root cause | Escalation and notifications | Corrective-action tracking

Scope Boundary

The platforms support governance workflows, accountability, evidence and reporting. They do not calculate regulatory capital or liquidity, replace technical cybersecurity monitoring, provide legal interpretation, issue external-audit opinions or automatically file statutory notifications unless an approved integration and process are configured.

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Sources, Scope and Next Step

Official sources used in this report are linked directly from each regulation summary. The mapping is an implementation aid and not legal advice.

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TransVare provides configurable technology to support governance, risk, audit and incident-management processes. Platform use does not, by itself, constitute or guarantee regulatory compliance. Applicability depends on entity type, licence, sector and current legal requirements. Obtain professional advice before relying on any regulatory mapping.

THE NEXT STEP

Build a Connected GRC Operating Model for Sri Lanka.

See how TransVare can support local regulatory readiness while preserving regional visibility and board oversight.

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