Flowchart of the Cybersecurity Review

Application — CII operator files with Cybersecurity Review Office to determine if review is required

10 business days

Review Required — CII operator receives written notification from Cybersecurity Office

→ The review office determines that the review is not required

30 business days (may be extended by 15 business days, depending upon review complexity)

Preliminary Review — Cybersecurity Review Office completes preliminary review and circulates findings among "cybersecurity review working mechanism" (eleven agencies) and relevant industry regulators for comments

15 business days

Response to preliminary review — Members agencies of "cybersecurity review working mechanism" and relevant industry regulators issue response to Cybersecurity Review Office

45 business days (may be extended, depending upon review complexity)

If there is unanimous agreement on findings, Cybersecurity Review Office will notify CII operator in writing

Special review process — Without unanimous agreement, there will be a special review process that involves opinions/findings from relevant member agencies of the "cybersecurity review working mechanism" and approval by the Central Cyber Affairs Commission of the Communist Part of China; final approved findings will be delivered to the CII operator in writing