CRA Reporting Readiness Checklist

The checklist below translates the **CRA's reporting obligations** into concrete actions before and after the September 2026 deadline. Although the exact organisational structure can vary, most organisations involve five core teams. Most importantly, be sure to **complete all the actions below in your compliance efforts**.

Core team	Now → 11 September 2026	From 11 September 2026 onwards
Legal & Compliance ○ Scope, governance and regulatory ownership	⊙ Determine which products fall within CRA scope. ⊙ Review supplier and third-party contracts to ensure security and reporting responsibilities are clear. ⊙ Define governance, escalation paths and reporting responsibilities.	⊙ Oversee that all CRA reporting steps are completed within the required timelines. ⊙ Maintain evidence and documentation for compliance.
Security ⊙ Vulnerability intake, assessment and reporting	⊙ Register with the Single Reporting Platform (SRP) when applicable. ⊙ Ensure a robust management process for vulnerabilities. ⊙ Create reporting playbooks. ⊙ Define embargo and coordinated disclosure procedures.	⊙ Assess whether vulnerabilities are actively exploited. ⊙ Assess whether incidents qualify as severe security incidents. ⊙ Coordinate technical analysis. ⊙ Submit the required CRA notifications within the applicable deadlines.
Product & Engineering ⊙ Product inventory, dependencies and remediation	⊙ Create a complete product inventory. ⊙ Maintain SBOMs where possible. ⊙ Continuously monitor software components and dependencies. ⊙ Establish clear communication lines with Security.	⊙ Determine whether disclosed vulnerabilities affect products. ⊙ Develop patches or mitigations. ⊙ Support technical information required for reporting.
Communications ⊙ Customer and stakeholder messaging	⊙ Prepare customer communication templates. ⊙ Decide through which channels security advisories will be published.	⊙ Inform customers when required. ⊙ Coordinate external messaging and stakeholder communication.
Management ⊙ Accountability, budget and executive decisions	⊙ Assign ownership for CRA compliance. ⊙ Allocate budget and resources. ⊙ Ensure executive oversight.	⊙ Support decision-making during major incidents.

After completing this checklist for the CRA reporting obligations, organisations still have many additional steps to be compliant with the full regulation. For a clear understanding of where you stand today and support implementing required changes, contact Northwave about our CRA Quick Scan.