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NIST Keeps IoT Hot with Draft Guidance

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The National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) has published three draft addenda to its manufacturer IoT guidance [NISTIR 8259](#), as well as draft guidance for federal agencies, [NIST SP 800-213](#), on integrating IoT devices into their networks. Notably, NIST published the addenda—[8259B](#), [8259C](#), and [8259D](#)—and 800-213 just days after the enactment of the [Internet of Things Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2020](#), in which Congress directed NIST to draft and finalize security guidelines for IoT devices procured by the federal government. While neither the 8259 addenda nor 800-213 fall within the Act's purview, they are likely to inform NIST's development of its IoT cybersecurity guidance under the Act. This is particularly true with regard to both 800-213 and addendum 8259D, the latter of which offers a "worked example" of implementing the core 8259 requirements within the specifications of the [FISMA process](#) and the [NIST SP 800-53](#) security controls.

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