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Guidance for completing the Cyber Resilience Questionnaire (CQUEST)

This document provides guidance to help sandbox entrants complete the CQUEST. When completing the questionnaire, pleasure ensure your responses consider and include relevant aspects of the distributed ledger technology (DLT) system and its wider ecosystem, where applicable.

Below are examples to help interpret the terms used in the CQUEST in the context of DLT:

- **Databases and data** – This could refer to the distributed ledger and the state managed by any associated computer programs.

- **Devices** – This could refer to computers, drives, or other hardware holding a replica of the distributed ledger, key management devices used to authenticate data appended to the ledger, and devices actings as endpoints to other relevant systems.

- **Hardware** – This could refer to key management systems and devices used in the distributed ledger system.

- **Software** – This could refer to software tools used to replicate a distributed ledger, access and manage ledger data, perform functions within the ledger (eg deciding how data is appended), and support key management systems.

- **Systems and Networks** – This could refer to the distributed ledger, computer programs within the ledger that manage state changes, intermediary systems, and third-party services.

- **Users and User Accounts** – This could refer to individuals and entities interacting with the DLT system, such as node operators, intermediaries, third-party providers, and others with access to the ledger system.