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## European Commission Launches Public Consultation on High-risk AI Systems

- The **European Commission's AI Office** has launched a **targeted stakeholder consultation** – until the 18th of July 2025 - to inform forthcoming guidelines **on the classification and regulation of high-risk AI systems** under the **AI Act** (Regulation (EU) 2024/1689), which entered into force on 1 August 2024. The **AI Act adopts a risk-based approach**, categorising AI systems by potential risk levels. High-risk AI systems—governed under Chapter III—will become subject to compliance requirements **starting 2 August 2026**.
- **High-risk systems fall into two categories:** Article 6(1) covers **AI embedded as safety components or AI that constitutes a regulated product with potential adverse impacts on health and safety**; Article 6(2) **addresses AI systems posing significant risks to health, safety, or fundamental rights**, as listed in Annex III. Exemptions under Article 6(3) allow certain AI systems not to be classified as high-risk when they do not present significant risks.
- Systems classified **as high-risk must comply with stringent requirements** covering **data governance, documentation, transparency, human oversight, robustness, accuracy, and security**. Providers must implement quality management systems and conduct conformity assessments, while deployers are tasked with ensuring proper usage, monitoring, and transparency to affected individuals.
- **The consultation is structured into five sections:** Classification under Article 6(1) and Annex I; Classification under Article 6(2), Annex III, and related exemptions; General questions on high-risk classification; Requirements and value chain obligations; Potential amendments to Annex III and prohibited practices in Article 5

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