

Changes to FTC Safeguards Rule could mean additional costs for dealers

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According to *Automotive News*, the cost of complying with the FTC's expanded Safeguards Rule will ultimately depend on how well dealers have been adhering to requirements under the original rule that took effect in 2003 and whether they have prioritized cybersecurity best practices at their dealerships. Dealers must begin putting pressure on their technology vendors to ensure they can meet the data security requirements. The National Automobile Dealers Association said it is advising its franchised dealer members to make sure they're fully complying with the current requirements and that they also contact their technology vendors as soon as possible to ensure they can meet new obligations under the amended rule.

"The previous version of the rule and this version continue to have a requirement to oversee these service providers you have regarding safeguarding and making sure that they have a compliant safeguards program," said [Dailey Wilson](#), an associate in Hudson Cook's Tennessee office.

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