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In the US, the IRS Procedure 86-19 requires offsite protection and documentation of computer records for tax information, that these records must be made available in the event that the primary facility has unplanned outage. The Consumer Credit Protection Act CCPA Section 2001 Title 1X requires due diligence for the availability of data in Electronic Funds Transfers. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act FCPA (this one is rather old - it was enacted back in 1977) requires all publicly held corporations to provide “reasonable protection” for their IT systems.

The Expedited Funds Availability Act of 1989 requires that all federally chartered financial institutions to have business continuity plans ready so to ensure the prompt availability of funds. The FFIEC Inter-Agency Policy 1997 requires any service bureau or outsourcing companies that provide services to banks to have proper BC plans in place. The GASB Statement No. 34 1999 requires the preparation of BC and DR plans for ensuring continuity during crisis.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission FERC RM01-12-00 2003 makes recovery plans mandatory. The Presidential Decision Directive 63 encourages risk management strategies for mitigating the effects of attacks against critical infrastructures. On the other hand, the Presidential decision directive 13010 makes it a requirement to have DR plans in place for all the national infrastructures.