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Your agents were written out of the model risk rulebook in April. The disclosure clock still started on 2 August.

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THE WEEK IN ONE PARAGRAPH

Three of the four rulebooks a regulated board was watching moved away from them this year, and the two obligations that actually landed are disclosure obligations that started on **2 August 2026**, three weeks ago. On 17 April 2026 the OCC, the Federal Reserve and the FDIC replaced SR 11-7 with revised model risk management guidance, designated OCC Bulletin 2026-13 and SR 26-2, and stated plainly that generative and agentic AI models are *not within the scope* of that guidance VERIFIED C03. On 29 June 2026 the Council of the EU gave final approval to the Digital Omnibus on AI, moving standalone Annex III high risk obligations to 2 December 2027 and embedded Annex I obligations to 2 August 2028 VERIFIED C01. Colorado moved its AI Act to 1 January 2027 when Governor Polis signed SB 189 on 14 May 2026 CITED C04. What did not move: EU AI Act Article 50 transparency duties and the California AI Transparency Act, both live from 2 August 2026 CITED C02 CITED C05. Meanwhile the capability side had one of its heaviest weeks of the year. SpaceX closed the largest startup acquisition on record on 14 August VERIFIED C06, xAI shipped Grok 4.6 and a teammate product CITED C07, Synchrony put OpenAI models into a consumer credit stack on 17 August VERIFIED C13, and Anthropic published a protein design result that beat the field on 18 August VERIFIED C08.

THE ONE SENTENCE THAT SHOULD GO IN YOUR NEXT RISK COMMITTEE PACK

Deregulation is not de-risking. When a supervisor removes a class of system from a prescriptive framework, the residual duty does not vanish, it moves to your own governance. SR 26-2 says this explicitly: banking organizations should apply their broader risk management and governance practices to determine appropriate controls for tools and systems not covered, *including generative and agentic AI*, and the agencies have signaled a request for information on exactly that topic VERIFIED C03. Read in plain language, your examiner is not going to hand you a test plan for your agents. They are going to ask to see yours.

What is in this edition

1. The scope gap

SR 11-7 governed how large US banks built, validated, monitored and retired models for fourteen years. Every model risk function, every validation team, every internal audit test plan in a large bank is shaped by it. On 17 April 2026 it was replaced.

WHAT CHANGED

OCC Bulletin 2026-13, jointly designated SR 26-2

Issued by the OCC in coordination with the Federal Reserve and the FDIC. The revised guidance is principles based rather than prescriptive and is directed primarily at institutions above 30 billion dollars in total assets CITED C03. It states that generative AI and agentic AI models are novel and rapidly evolving and are not within scope, and directs organizations to apply broader risk management and governance practices to anything the guidance does not cover VERIFIED C03. The agencies have said they intend to issue a request for information covering model risk management generally and banks' use of AI, including generative and agentic models VERIFIED C03.

Read this as: the framework your validators know how to apply no longer formally reaches the systems your business is most eager to deploy.

WHAT IT DOES NOT CHANGE

The duty follows the decision, not the technology label

Fair lending, UDAAP, BSA and AML, third party risk, complaint handling and recordkeeping obligations attach to outcomes and to consumers. None of them contain an exemption for a system that a bank chose to call an agent rather than a model. The scope carve out is a statement about which supervisory *guidance document* applies. It is not a statement about which laws apply.

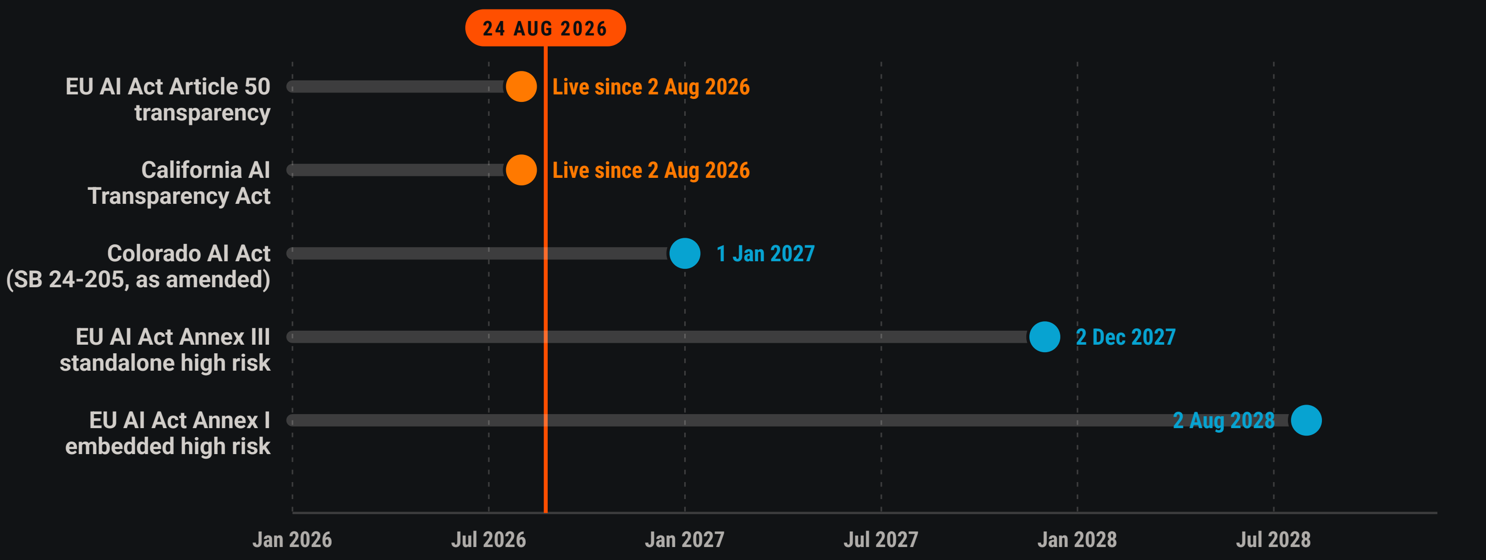
Read this as: if an agent influences a credit decision, a fraud hold, a collections contact or a disclosure, you own the same obligations you owned yesterday, with less prescriptive scaffolding to lean on.

THE PRACTICAL FAILURE MODE WE EXPECT TO SEE BY YEAR END

An agent is deployed under an operations or productivity budget, not a model budget. It never enters the model inventory, because model risk told the team truthfully that SR 26-2 does not cover it. Eighteen months later an examiner asks a simple question: which inventory holds it, who validated it, what is its performance boundary, and who signed the change. Nobody has an answer, because the system fell into the gap between two frameworks. **The fix costs almost nothing today and is expensive later.** Extend the model inventory definition to include any system that materially influences a decision about a customer, whether or not SR 26-2 reaches it.

2. Five clocks, plotted against today

The chart below is the single most useful artifact in this edition. Two clocks are running. Three are not.



Amber = enforceable today. Cyan = scheduled. Source C01, C02, C04, C05.

Five AI compliance clocks positioned against the edition date of 24 August 2026. Amber markers are enforceable today. Cyan markers are scheduled. Source C01, Source C02, Source C04, Source C05.

What is enforceable now, what is scheduled, and what each one actually asks of you

OBLIGATION	STATUS AS OF 24 AUGUST 2026	WHAT IT ASKS FOR	SOURCE
EU AI Act, Article 50 transparency	Live since 2 August 2026 CITED C02	Tell people when they are interacting with an AI system, and label AI generated content	C02
California AI Transparency Act, as amended by AB 853	Live since 2 August 2026 CITED C05	Provenance and disclosure duties for covered AI generated content	C05
Texas TRAIGA	In force since 1 January 2026 CITED C05	Intent based prohibitions, state agency AI notice, transparency	C05
Colorado AI Act, as amended by SB 189	Scheduled, 1 January 2027 CITED C04	Duties around consequential decisions, scaled back from the original text	C04
EU AI Act, Annex III standalone high risk	Scheduled, 2 December 2027 VERIFIED C01	Full conformity, risk management, logging, human oversight	C01
EU AI Act, Annex I embedded high risk	Scheduled, 2 August 2028 VERIFIED C01	Same, for AI embedded in regulated products	C01
US banking model risk, SR 26-2	In force since 17 April 2026, generative and agentic AI out of scope VERIFIED C03	Principles based model risk management, plus your own controls for what is excluded	C03

WHERE MARKET COMMENTARY AND PRIMARY SOURCES DIVERGED THIS WEEK

Several widely shared vendor posts still describe the EU AI Act's high risk obligations as becoming fully enforceable on 2 August 2026. That was true of the original text and is no longer true. The Digital Omnibus was endorsed by the European Parliament on 16 June 2026, given final Council approval on 29 June 2026, published in the Official Journal on 24 July 2026 and entered into force on 27 July 2026, with Annex III standalone high risk moved to 2 December 2027 and Annex I embedded high risk to 2 August 2028 VERIFIED C01. **We follow the primary legal sources and say so.** If a vendor is selling you a remediation program against an August 2026 high risk deadline, ask which instrument they are citing.

3. Frontier ledger, 17 to 24 August 2026

Dated moves with equal editorial weight. Inclusion is not endorsement, and omission of a lab is not a judgment about it.

XAI, SPACEX AND CURSOR

The largest startup acquisition on record closed on 14 August

SpaceX completed its all stock acquisition of Anysphere, the maker of Cursor, in a transaction valued at 60 billion dollars, issuing roughly 391 million SpaceX Class A shares VERIFIED C06. Cursor now sits as a wholly owned unit inside a newly named SpaceXAI division, following the earlier combination with xAI VERIFIED C06. Separately, xAI shipped Grok 4.6 on 12 August, and the model was made available through Google's Enterprise Agent Platform model garden with a 500 thousand token context window and configurable reasoning levels CITED C07. Grok Bot entered beta on 11 August as an AI teammate product CITED C07.

Read this as: the developer tooling layer is now owned by a frontier lab with a launch business attached. If Cursor is in your SDLC, your vendor concentration diagram changed on 14 August and your third party risk file should reflect it.

ANTHROPIC

A hard science result, and an enterprise control surface

On 18 August 2026 Anthropic published results in which Claude designed protein binders against 15 targets and succeeded against 14, with 22 to 35 percent of individual designs binding successfully against a typical field rate of 10 to 15 percent VERIFIED C08. On the enterprise side, Admin API user management endpoints for Claude Enterprise organizations reached general availability, beta skill and plugin security scanning arrived for Enterprise plans, and web search and fetch tools in Managed Agents can now be constrained with allowed and blocked domain lists CITED C09.

Read this as: the domain allowlist on a tool is the cheapest agentic control that exists. If your agent can reach the open web, it can be steered by the open web.

OPENAI

Delivery model as product, and a credit stack deployment

OpenAI Presence, announced 22 July 2026, is a platform for enterprises to deploy realtime voice and chat agents, offered through a limited general availability program rather than self serve, with deployments led by OpenAI forward deployed engineers and selected global systems integrators VERIFIED C11 . On 12 August OpenAI published two reports on how AI adoption is spreading across firms and workers and what frontier organizations do differently VERIFIED C12 . On 17 August, Synchrony announced an enterprise collaboration to deploy OpenAI models across customer portals, loyalty and rewards, and agentic commerce, with a ChatGPT plugin already surfacing promotional financing from participating partners VERIFIED C13 .

Read this as: when a regulated lender puts a model into an offer surface, the disclosure question from section 2 becomes concrete. Who tells the consumer that the entity recommending financing terms is an AI system.

GOOGLE

Enterprise surface consolidation, and a 35,000 seat operational deal

In August Gemini 3.6 Flash reached stable production status with better token efficiency, the Canvas assistant became generally available inside the Gemini Enterprise web app with export to Workspace, Office and PDF, the Gemini Enterprise mobile app reached general availability for organizations on third party identity providers, and NotebookLM Enterprise was renamed Gemini Notebook Enterprise with unchanged APIs CITED C14 . Gemini 3.5 Flash was removed from the global region in the Gemini Enterprise app on 4 August 2026 CITED C14 . Ryanair signed a five year Google Cloud agreement covering Gemini, DeepMind models and Workspace for 35,000 employees, with stated use across crew scheduling, fleet operations and maintenance planning CITED C15 .

Read this as: model removals from a region are a change management event. If a production workflow pinned Gemini 3.5 Flash in the global region, that pin broke on 4 August. Put model lifecycle notices on the same change calendar as database upgrades.

OPEN WEIGHT FRONTIER OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Four releases that change your build versus buy math

Alibaba released Qwen3.8-Max on 3 August at 2.4 trillion parameters with 95 billion active, priced at 2 dollars per million input tokens and 6 dollars per million output, with text only weights opened on 12 August CITED C16. Z.ai's GLM-5.3 shipped in August claiming the top CyberGym result at 84.5 percent, priced at 1.40 and 4.40 dollars per million CITED C16. DeepSeek V4 Pro shipped in August at 80.6 percent on SWE-bench Verified with peak and off peak billing CITED C16. Moonshot's Kimi K3 opened weights on 27 July at 2.8 trillion parameters CITED C16.

Read this as: jurisdiction is now a procurement axis, not a footnote. For a European or US regulated deployment, the question is not only whether the weights are good, it is whose export control regime, data residency posture and support agreement you are inheriting.

EUROPE

Sovereign capacity consolidated ahead of the deferred deadlines

Mistral closed an 830 million dollar debt financing package in February 2026 backed by 13,800 Nvidia GPUs in a Paris region data center, and was last valued at 13.7 billion dollars CITED C17. The Cohere and Aleph Alpha merger completed on 24 April 2026 created a combined entity valued around 20 billion dollars, which by valuation now leads Mistral by roughly 6 billion dollars and brings a broader financial services and government customer base CITED C17.

Read this as: the deferral of EU high risk obligations to 2027 and 2028 did not slow European sovereign capacity building. It gave it a longer runway.

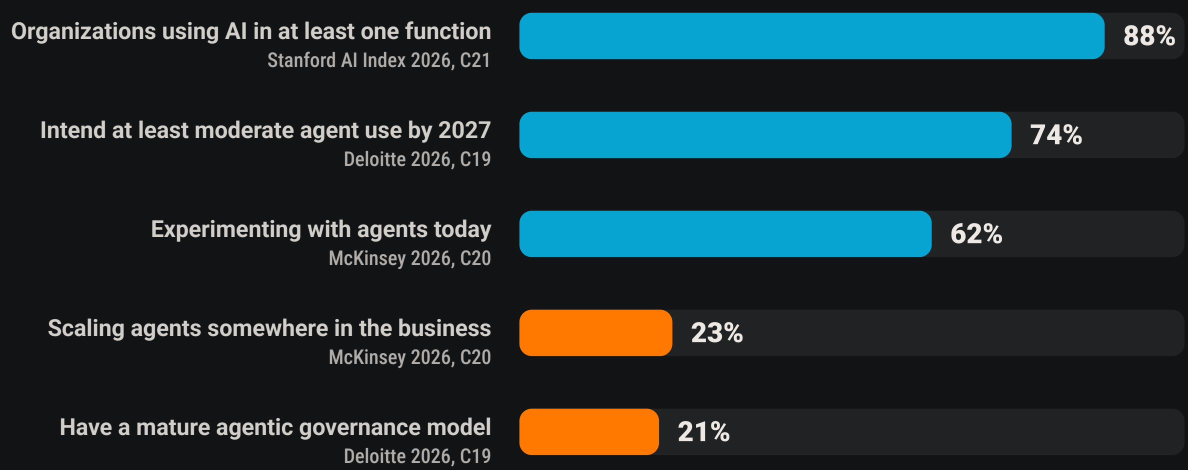
CARRIED AS UNCONFIRMED

Two transactions circulated widely this week that we are not treating as facts. Stripe is reported to be acquiring the model routing platform OpenRouter for more than 7 billion dollars, and Cognition is reported to be in talks for a round at a 40 billion dollar valuation FLAG C18. Both are reported, neither is confirmed by a first party filing or announcement we could locate. See Source C18. We will re-verify or retract in a future edition.

4. The measured gap

Three independent research programs published this year describe the same shape from different angles: broad adoption, narrow scaling, thin governance. McKinsey puts 62 percent of organizations at least experimenting with agents and 23 percent scaling them somewhere in the business CITED C20.

INTENT VERSUS CONTROL



Survey populations differ between studies. Read the shape, not the arithmetic difference. Source C19, C20, C21.

Intent versus control across three 2026 research programs. Survey populations differ, so read the shape rather than subtracting one number from another. Source C19, Source C20, Source C21.

88%

of organizations used AI in at least one business function in 2025, while agent deployment remained in single digits for nearly every individual function CITED C21

21%

say they have a mature governance model in place for agentic AI, against 74 percent who expect at least moderate agent use by 2027 CITED C19

2.3×

average reported return on agentic AI investment within 13 months, with leaders at 2.84 times and laggards at 0.84 times CITED C31

THE INTERPRETATION WE WOULD OFFER A BOARD

The gap between 74 percent intent and 21 percent mature governance is not a governance failure in the moral sense. It is a sequencing artifact. Governance maturity is built by review cycles, and review cycles require production incidents to learn from. Most organizations are at the point where they have enough agents to generate incidents and not enough operating history to have institutionalized the response. The organizations that will look competent in eighteen months are the ones treating the next two quarters as deliberate governance training data. That means writing down expected failure modes before deployment, not after.

5. Sector reads

A win, a constraint and a control for each regulated sector, drawn from evidence in the research window or from the standing regulatory position.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The offer surface moved before the rulebook did

Win. On 17 August Synchrony announced an enterprise collaboration with OpenAI covering customer portals, loyalty and rewards, and agentic commerce, alongside an enterprise wide AI fluency training program VERIFIED C13. Company reported outcomes elsewhere in the sector include Commonwealth Bank citing a 20 percent reduction in fraud losses in the first half of its 2026 financial year using an internally built agent, and JPMorgan Chase describing more than 400 production AI use cases on an enterprise platform CITED C30.

Constraint. The framework your validators use no longer formally reaches these systems. SR 26-2 excludes generative and agentic AI and points you at your own broader governance VERIFIED C03. Separately, sector reporting puts roughly 44 percent of finance teams using agentic AI in some form, which means the population of ungoverned systems is large and growing CITED C30.

Control to run this week. Amend the model inventory intake definition from "statistical model" to "any system that materially influences a decision about a customer or a transaction." Backfill agents already in production. Give each one an owner, a documented performance boundary and a named human who approves changes. That single definitional change closes the scope gap without waiting for the request for information.

HEALTHCARE

Ambient capture is at scale. The measured benefit is modest and the consent surface is new.

Win. Ambient documentation is no longer a pilot category. Tools that capture patient and clinician conversations were used by close to two thirds of US hospitals running Epic in 2025 CITED C23. Coverage in the research window describes the same tooling extending beyond clinician productivity into consent management and revenue cycle work CITED C23.

Constraint. A study of roughly 1,800 clinicians across five academic medical centers from 2023 to 2025 found AI scribe users saved about 16 minutes of documentation time and spent about 13 fewer minutes in the record for every eight hours of patient care, with inconsistent use across clinicians CITED C23. That is a real gain and it is not the order of magnitude many business cases assumed. On the regulatory side, the FDA's revised clinical decision support guidance of 6 January 2026 narrowed which software it regulates, while keeping any function that analyzes medical images to generate a diagnostic recommendation firmly in scope CITED C24.

Control to run this week. Treat the microphone as a regulated collection point, not as an accessory. Write down, per care setting, who consents, what is retained, what leaves the building and what the disclosure to the patient actually says. If you deploy anything with a predetermined change control plan under the 2025 AI and machine learning final guidance, confirm your monitoring actually measures against the declared performance boundary CITED C24.

MANUFACTURING

Humanoids crossed the pilot threshold. The productivity curve still dips first.

Win. Agility Robotics reports Digit has accumulated more than 65,000 operating hours across nine customer facilities, naming GXO, Schaeffler, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada and Mercado Libre CITED C25. BMW established a Center of Competence for Physical AI in Production and is extending humanoid deployment to Plant Leipzig from summer 2026, with AEON targeted at high voltage battery assembly CITED C25. Tesla extended Optimus to Gigafactory Shanghai for battery cell sorting and parts handling, and Figure 03 has passed 1,000 units CITED C25. Nvidia's Isaac GR00T N1.7 is in early access with commercial licensing, and LG announced on 14 August that its next generation bipedal humanoid is built on Isaac GR00T with an unveiling planned for the first quarter of 2027 CITED C26.

Constraint. Research drawing on tens of thousands of manufacturing firms found an adoption J-curve: early industrial AI adopters absorbed measurable losses before growth arrived CITED C27. A humanoid program financed on a twelve month payback assumption is financed against the wrong part of the curve.

Control to run this week. Instrument the dip. Define, before the first robot arrives, which line level metrics you expect to degrade in months one through nine, by how much, and what threshold would cause you to stop. A program with a written expected-degradation band survives its first bad quarter. A program without one gets cancelled in it.

ENERGY

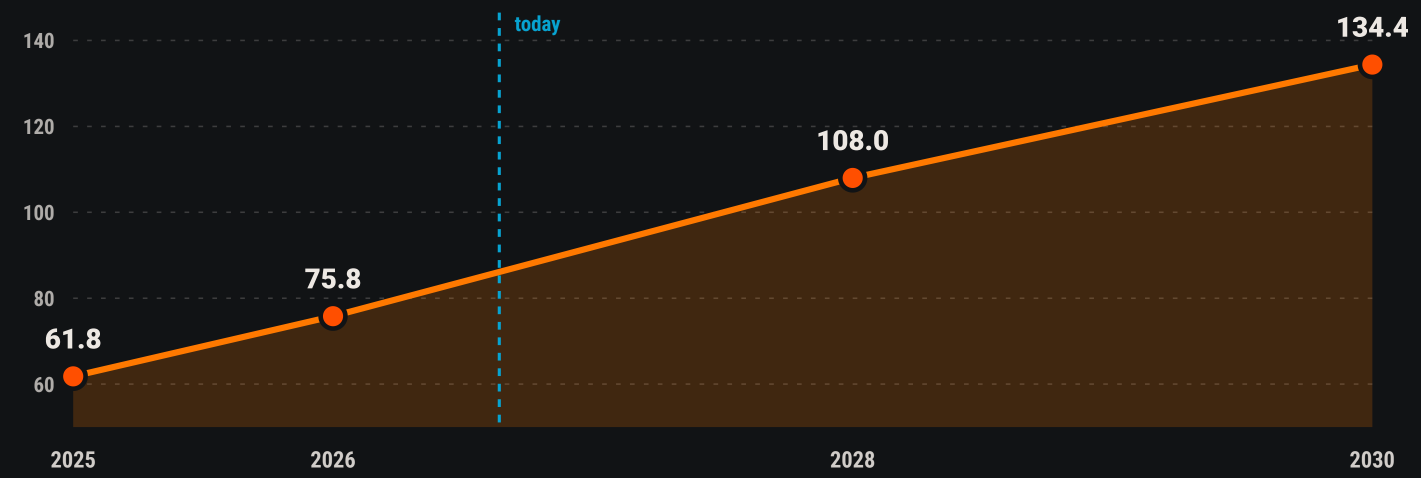
The grid found out what a data center does when it trips

Win. Agentic tooling has moved from utility innovation labs into operations support. Argonne National Laboratory's GridMind is built as an agentic reasoning co-pilot combining specialized agents with power system analysis to support operator decisions, and most US investor owned utilities now run production machine learning for demand forecasting and asset health CITED C29.

Constraint. NERC issued a Level 3 Alert on 4 July 2026 after documenting an 1,800 megawatt load drop caused by data center uninterruptible power supply systems tripping offline, with a utility response deadline of 3 August 2026 CITED C28. Demand is not waiting: US data center power demand is put at 61.8 gigawatts in 2025 and 75.8 gigawatts in 2026, with projections of 108 gigawatts by 2028 and 134.4 gigawatts by 2030 CITED C28. Under a FERC order issued in June 2026, data centers must pay the full cost of grid upgrades tied to their own interconnection, and a review of 51 utilities put planned capital spending near 1.4 trillion dollars, up 27 percent year over year, with Duke Energy at 102.2 billion dollars and Southern Company at 81.2 billion dollars CITED C28.

Control to run this week. If you are the load, put ride-through behavior in the interconnection agreement, not in an operations runbook. If you are the utility, ask every large interconnection applicant to specify UPS trip behavior under a voltage excursion in writing. The 1,800 megawatt event was a control system behavior, not a generation shortfall.

US DATA CENTER LOAD, GIGAWATTS, PROJECTED



Projection, not a completed fact. 2028 and 2030 points are forecasts. Source C28.

Projected United States data center power demand in gigawatts. The 2028 and 2030 values are forecasts, not completed facts. Source C28.

6. Reliability is now a compliance surface

Two datasets from the research window point the same direction, and neither is usually filed under governance.

CONCENTRATION

An August cluster of provider disruptions

Anthropic logged repeated service disruptions through August, including on 5, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 20 August, with the 18 August incident drawing more than 4,000 Downdetector reports within hours and affecting claude.ai, the API, Claude Code and Claude Cowork simultaneously CITED C10. We report this as an operational fact and not as a judgment about any provider. Every frontier provider has outage history, and reliability disclosure varies widely across the field.

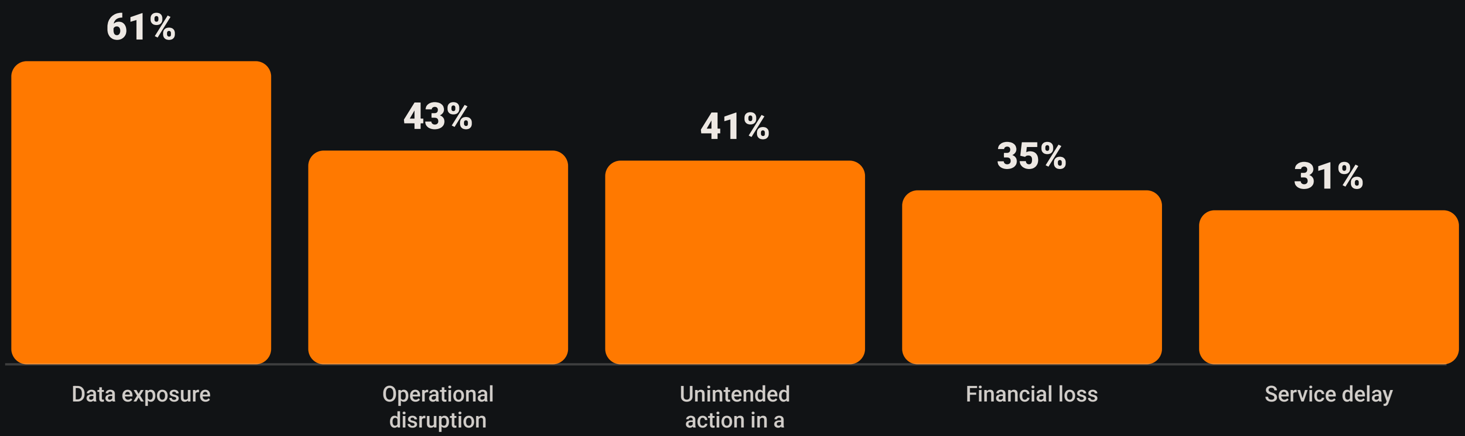
Read this as: the point is not which vendor. The point is that a single provider incident now takes out an authoring surface, a coding surface and a production API at once, because that is how the surfaces are bundled. If your agent sits on a critical path, your continuity plan needs a documented degraded mode, not a second vendor you have never tested.

INCIDENT MIX

What actually goes wrong when agents fail

Vendor survey work published this year reports that among enterprises that have deployed agents, 88 percent recorded at least one security incident tied to those agents, with an average agent related data breach cost near 4.7 million dollars, and prompt injection reaching roughly one in three deployed agents CITED C22. The two root causes named most often are agents granted more access than they need, and agents acting on data they should never have touched CITED C22. Treat these figures as a vendor survey population, not a regulator filing.

CONSEQUENCE MIX, VENDOR SURVEY



Categories are not mutually exclusive. Vendor survey population, not a regulator finding. Source C22.

Reported consequence mix among organizations that experienced an agent driven incident. Categories are not mutually exclusive. Vendor survey data. Source C22.

CAUSE AND EFFECT, STATED PLAINLY

Over-permissioned agents plus reachable open web equals steerable agents. That chain is why the domain allowlist shipped by Anthropic for managed agent web tools this month CITED C09 and the equivalent controls across other platforms matter more than they sound. **The cheapest thing you can do this quarter is inventory, for each production agent, exactly which tools it can call and which destinations those tools can reach, then delete the ones nobody can justify in a sentence.** That exercise typically removes half the attack surface in an afternoon.

7. Workforce

The disclosure clocks that started on 2 August created a job that most organizations have not assigned to anyone.

THE UNSTAFFED ROLE

Article 50 and the California AI Transparency Act both require an organization to know, at any moment, which of its customer facing surfaces are AI mediated and which of its published content is AI generated CITED C02 CITED C05. That is an inventory problem, a copy problem and a release process problem at once. It sits between marketing, legal, product and platform engineering, which in most companies means it sits nowhere. The organizations handling this well have named a single accountable owner for AI disclosure, given them read access to the agent registry and the content management system, and put a disclosure check into the release checklist.

Skills that are actually scarce right now: people who can read a regulatory instrument and translate it into a release gate; people who can audit an agent's tool permissions; and people who can write the twelve words of consumer facing disclosure that a compliance officer will approve. None of these are model training skills. All of them are teachable inside a quarter.

ECOSYSTEM NOTE

The same pattern shows up inside every major platform community. Salesforce Trailblazer, ServiceNow Community, Microsoft Tech Community, Snowflake and Databricks practitioner forums and the Nvidia developer ecosystem are all currently full of the same question in different dialects: who signs off when the agent acts. The platforms are shipping the controls. The accountability model is still being written by the customer, one deployment at a time.

8. Practitioner desk

Six questions we were asked in the last week, answered the way we would answer them on a call.

If SR 26-2 excludes agentic AI, do we still need to validate our agents?

Yes, but the validation you owe is defined by your own framework rather than by the guidance. The revised guidance explicitly tells banking organizations to apply broader risk management and governance practices to systems it does not cover VERIFIED C03. Practically: keep the SR 11-7 lifecycle habits you already have, which are good engineering regardless, and drop the parts that only made sense for a static statistical model. Add the parts an agent needs and a model never did: tool permission review, action reversibility, and a stated spend or impact ceiling.

Our EU counsel says the AI Act got delayed. Can we stand down the program?

No. The deferral is real and applies to high risk obligations VERIFIED C01, but Article 50 transparency duties were left on the original 2 August 2026 date CITED C02. If you have a chatbot, a voice agent, an AI mediated support queue or AI generated marketing content touching the EU, you have a live obligation now. The right move is to rescope, not to stand down: shift the team from conformity assessment preparation to disclosure inventory and labeling, then restart the high risk track on a 2027 timeline.

How do we decide between an open weight model and a hosted frontier model this quarter?

Start with the obligation, not the benchmark. If your use case touches Annex III categories or a US consequential decision, your dominant cost will be evidence production: logs, lineage, human oversight records, change control. Hosted providers increasingly supply that plumbing. If your use case is internal, high volume and low consequence, open weights at the price points shipped in August are hard to argue against CITED C16. The trap is picking one architecture for both.

What is the fastest credible way to show an examiner we govern agents?

Three artifacts, in this order. An agent registry with owner, purpose, tools, data reach and approval date. A tool permission matrix showing what each agent may call and what those calls may touch. A change log showing who approved the last three modifications and why. If you can produce those three in a meeting, you are ahead of most of the market. If you cannot, no policy document will substitute.

Our humanoid pilot is behind on payback. Do we kill it?

Not on that basis alone. The research on industrial AI adoption describes a J-curve where early adopters absorb losses before growth appears CITED C27. The question is not whether you are below plan, it is whether you are below plan for the reasons you predicted. If you never wrote down an expected degradation band, write one now, retrospectively, with the line supervisors. Then decide against it at the next gate rather than in a budget meeting.

> ### Did you know: what changes on the day a model is removed from a region?
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> More than teams expect. Gemini 3.5 Flash was removed from the global region in the Gemini Enterprise app on 4 August 2026 CITED C14. Any workflow that pinned that model in that region needed a migration, and any evaluation baseline built on it silently lost its reference point. Add provider model lifecycle notices to the same change advisory calendar you use for database and operating system upgrades. It costs one calendar entry and prevents a class of surprise.

9. Take this with you: the Scope and Disclosure Ledger

Five entries. Each is doable inside a week by a team that already exists, and each closes a gap this edition documented.

Five actions, the gap each one closes, the owner, and the evidence it produces

ACTION	GAP IT CLOSES	OWNER	EVIDENCE PRODUCED
Redefine model inventory intake as "any system that materially influences a decision about a customer or transaction"	Agents falling outside SR 26-2 and outside your inventory VERIFIED C03	Model risk, with business sponsor	Amended intake standard and a backfill list
Build an AI disclosure inventory of every customer facing surface and every published AI generated asset	Live Article 50 and California transparency duties CITED C02 CITED C05	Named single owner across legal, product and marketing	Surface register plus a release checklist item
Produce a tool permission matrix per production agent and delete unjustifiable reach	Over-permissioned agents, the most cited breach root cause CITED C22	Platform engineering with security	Matrix, deletion log, and a re-review date
Write a degraded mode runbook for your top three agent dependencies and test it once	Provider concentration during multi surface outages CITED C10	Operations and continuity	Tested runbook with a dated exercise record
Publish an expected-degradation band for every physical AI or robotics program before the next gate	Programs cancelled inside the adoption J-curve CITED C27	Operations leadership with finance	Signed band, plus gate criteria tied to it

If the scope gap is open in your organization, we close it in weeks, not quarters

Ariana.Digital is principal led, senior operators only. We work on short, high impact engagements inside regulated environments: agent registries, tool permission matrices, disclosure inventories

and the evidence pack that survives an examination. If you want the diagnostic version first, the AI Readiness Brief is the fastest way in.

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10. Research base

Every figure in this edition maps to one of the claim groups below. VERIFIED means named, dated and publicly checkable against a first party or regulator source. CITED means a named source that we have not independently re-verified. FLAG means contested or unconfirmed and pending re-verification.

1. **C01** EU AI Act Digital Omnibus, Council final approval 29 June 2026, Parliament endorsement 16 June 2026, Official Journal 24 July 2026, high risk deferrals to 2 December 2027 and 2 August 2028. Council of the EU press release · Gibson Dunn analysis · Sidley Data Matters · DLA Piper GENIE
2. **C02** Article 50 transparency obligations remain on the original 2 August 2026 date. Certivo, what applies after the Digital Omnibus · Innovaiden, what actually comes due · Dastra, deadlines redrawn · Cloud Security Alliance research note
3. **C03** Revised US model risk management guidance, OCC Bulletin 2026-13 and SR 26-2, issued 17 April 2026, generative and agentic AI out of scope, request for information signaled. OCC news release NR 2026-29 · OCC Bulletin 2026-13 · Sullivan and Cromwell memo · Davis Polk visual memo · CRA on SR 26-2 in the era of AI
4. **C04** Colorado AI Act amended by SB 189, signed 14 May 2026, effective date moved to 1 January 2027. Akin AI law tracker · Hunton privacy blog · Seyfarth AI legal roundup
5. **C05** California AI Transparency Act as amended by AB 853 with implementation to 2 August 2026, SB 53 frontier developer law, and Texas TRAIGA effective 1 January 2026. Miller Nash, from Colorado to Texas · Swept AI state regulation guide · AI Compliance Atlas state overview
6. **C06** SpaceX completes the 60 billion dollar all stock acquisition of Anysphere, maker of Cursor, on 14 August 2026, roughly 391 million Class A shares, SpaceXAI division. Yahoo Finance · SatNews on regulatory close · CNBC on the announced deal · Value Add VC deal summary
7. **C07** xAI Grok 4.6 launch on 12 August 2026, availability through Google Enterprise Agent Platform model garden with a 500 thousand token context window, and Grok Bot beta on 11 August 2026. xAI news · Grok 4.6 launch coverage · Grok Bot coverage · xAI release notes tracker
8. **C08** Anthropic protein binder design results published 18 August 2026, 14 of 15 targets, 22 to 35 percent of designs binding against a 10 to 15 percent field rate. Anthropic research post · Anthropic newsroom
9. **C09** Anthropic enterprise platform updates in August 2026, Admin API user management general availability, skill and plugin security scanning beta, web tool domain allowlists. Claude product announcements · Anthropic release tracker · Claude Developer Platform updates
10. **C10** Claude service disruptions in August 2026, including the 18 August incident across claude.ai, the API, Claude Code and Claude Cowork. Startup Fortune report · Cybersecurity News report
11. **C11** OpenAI Presence, announced 22 July 2026, limited general availability with forward deployed engineers and selected global systems integrators. OpenAI announcement · VentureBeat · AI News coverage
12. **C12** OpenAI enterprise adoption research published 12 August 2026. OpenAI, how enterprises put AI to work
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