IHL applies to cyber operations occurring during – or triggering by themselves – an armed conflict. However, determining the beginning of an armed conflict remains tricky in situations where cyber-attacks are employed alone, short of any kinetic use of force. In addition, once the applicability of IHL is triggered, the question becomes one of the adaptability of the rules on the conduct of hostilities.

For an overview on how can IHL regulate cyber-warfare, read the related chapter on Means and Methods of Warfare [1].

You can also explore if and how IHL applies to cyber operations in a new case study:
Iran, Victim of Cyberwarfare [2]


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