Traffic Light Protocol (TLP): Document Designation and Information Sharing Policy

The E-ISAC employs the Traffic Light Protocol developed by DHS US-CERT for designating the information/documents posted to the E-ISAC Portal, and as a way to instruct entities as to whether and with whom they may share such information/documents. The US-CERT describes the TLP as follows:

> The Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) was created in order to facilitate greater sharing of information. TLP is a set of designations used to ensure that sensitive information is shared with the appropriate audience. It employs four colors to indicate expected sharing boundaries to be applied by the recipient(s).
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> The originator of information should label the information with the correct TLP color in order to indicate how widely that information may be disseminated, usually by including "TLP: [COLOR]" in unambiguous text in the header and footer of the document and initialing the markings. If a recipient needs to share the information more widely than indicated by the original TLP designation, they must refer back to the original source.

Cross-sector and other partners that are provided information from the E-ISAC may share such information across their direct community/organization with clear expectations that the end use members also adhere to TLP and any other asserted protection and handling expectations. The E-ISAC will also handle cross-sector and other partner received information in a similar manner when sharing with its members. The following matrix is posted on the US-CERT website providing additional detail on when to employ the TLP colors (Red, Amber, Green, and White) and how each type of TLP-designated information can be shared.

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COLOR	When should it be used?	How may it be shared?	E-ISAC Additional Guidance
RED	Sources may use TLP:RED when information cannot be effectively acted upon by additional parties and could lead to impacts on a party's privacy, reputation, or operations if misused.	Recipients may not share TLP:RED information with any parties outside of the specific exchange, meeting, or conversation in which it is originally disclosed.	For E-ISAC eyes only and parties directly involved.
AMBER	Sources may use TLP:AMBER when information requires support to be effectively acted upon yet carries risks to privacy, reputation, or operations if shared outside of the organizations involved.	Recipients may only share TLP:AMBER information with members of their own organization, and with clients or customers who need to know the information to protect themselves or prevent further harm. **Sources are at liberty to specify additional intended limits of the sharing: these must be adhered to.**	For members: internal use only (do not distribute outside your company). For partners: may be distributed outside your organization only with E-ISAC permission
GREEN	Sources may use TLP:GREEN when information is useful for the awareness of all participating organizations, as well as with peers within the broader community or sector.	Recipients may share TLP:GREEN information with peers and partner organizations within their sector or community, but not via publicly accessible channels.	For internal use and necessary consultants/third-party providers.
WHITE	Sources may use TLP:WHITE when information carries minimal or no foreseeable risk of misuse, in accordance with applicable Rules and Procedures for public release.	TLP:WHITE information may be distributed without restriction, subject to copyright controls.	No restrictions for unmarked, public information.