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## IT-ISAC FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: What is the IT-ISAC?**

The Information Technology-Information Sharing and Analysis Center (IT-ISAC) is the longest established private-sector partnership for information sharing in the IT Sector. Founded in 2000, we are a non-profit organization that provides a trusted forum for IT companies and those that leverage IT as a core business function to share information, manage risks, and collaborate on cyber incident response and strategy. We are the only ISAC that supports three critical infrastructure sectors - Information Technology, Food and Agriculture, and Elections. Our membership is comprised of security leaders from leading technology companies across the globe. We have built a network of relationships with trusted partners across the critical infrastructure community and through this multidirectional sharing, we help companies manage risks to their enterprises and to the critical infrastructure community.

### **Q: What is the IT-ISAC Food and Agriculture Special Interest Group?**

The IT-ISAC Food and Agriculture Special Interest Group (SIG) facilitates trusted information sharing and collaborative analysis among IT-ISAC members who operate in, or who have business units that operate within, the food and agriculture sector. The SIG shares information through twice a month virtual meetings and a dedicated enclave in our intelligence management platform, TruSTAR. The goal is to help members identify attack, incident, and threat indicators that they might have in common and to share effective mitigation strategies. The Food and Ag SIG is focused on, but not limited to, examining indicators from persistent adversaries who use multiple attack vectors to achieve their goals and having issue-specific discussions on cybercriminal activity affecting the sector.

The SIG provides an ISAC-like capability to the food and agriculture industry. It is currently the only information sharing group out there that has an individual focus on serving food and agriculture companies. Active participation is essential to building and maintaining trusted relationships among Food and Ag participants. All SIG discussions and activities occur within the framework and protections of the IT-ISAC Member Agreement. Under the Member Agreement, membership rights can be revoked if there is a breach of the agreement and other legal recourses are available to members if a violation occurs.



**Q: What is the cost to join the Food and Agriculture SIG?**

With IT-ISAC membership, eligible companies can join the Food and Ag SIG for no additional fee. The IT-ISAC provides Food and Ag SIG members with access to an intelligence management platform, analytical reports for staying on top of developing threats and industry trends, and staff to support food and agriculture industry member engagement. To carry out this work, the IT-ISAC has a tiered dues structure, with Bronze Membership (\$3,000), Silver Membership (\$8,000), and Gold Membership (\$25,000). Applicants can choose their own membership level. A chart detailing specific benefits at each level is below.

We offer three annual membership packages, designed for small businesses to large enterprises.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN MEMBERSHIP	FOUNDATION GOLD (\$25,000)	PREMIUM SILVER (\$8,000)	PARTICIPANT BRONZE (\$3,000)
GUARANTEED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS	2	0	0
TRUSTAR CREDENTIALS	20	10	7
PERSONS WHO RECEIVE DAILY REPORTS	15	5	5
PERSONS WITH ACCESS TO WEEKLY IT-ISAC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING	10	5	2
NUMBER OF IT-ISAC SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS YOUR COMPANY CAN PARTICIPATE IN	Unlimited	3	1
TRUSTAR STIX/TAXII INTEGRATION	✓	✓	✓
DISCOUNT ON ADDITIONAL TRUSTAR SERVICES	✓	✓	✓
DISCOUNTS ON IT TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS FROM IT-ISAC PARTNERS	✓	✓	✓
PREMIUM API ACCESS	✓	✓	
COMPANY LISTED ON IT-ISAC WEBSITE AND BROCHURE	✓		



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### Q: How does the IT-ISAC engage with DHS?

The IT-ISAC shares IT-ISAC developed reports with DHS, but we do not share any member information unless the member gives us permission to do so. We also have access to indicators from DHS through the DHS Automated Indicator Sharing Program, and the Cyber Information Sharing and Collaboration Program. We receive AIS indicators from DHS directly into our intelligence management platform, TruSTAR. When a member company identifies information that would be valuable to share with DHS, they pass that information to our Operations Team, who passes the information to DHS. DHS is then able to share those indicators back out to their larger community through the AIS program. Furthermore, the IT-ISAC collaborates with other established ISACs through the National Council of ISACs.

### Q: What are the methods for sharing within the SIG?

The Food and Ag SIG has multiple methods for members to securely provide data in a non-attributable method; ensuring this initiative does not place a burden on member organizations' current processes and procedures, nor identify a member's submissions. The preferred method is to utilize the secure IT-ISAC member intelligence management platform (TruSTAR) to share information. Additionally, there is a Food and Ag SIG specific listserv to enable members to communicate electronically with the entire group and a dedicated enclave on TruSTAR for sharing among SIG members. The Food and Ag SIG also meets twice a month to share information directly with other SIG members and engage in collaborative analysis.



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### How Can I Share Information?

Call the Operations Team	Upload into the TruSTAR platform	Email the Technical Committee
Special Interest Groups	Email the Operations Team	Regular Technical Committee Call

### Q: How do I join the Food and Agriculture SIG?

Companies in the food and agriculture industry who are interested in joining the SIG can contact [membership@it-isac.org](mailto:membership@it-isac.org) for an application to join the IT-ISAC.