

CTI TC guidance to OASIS, pursuant to their discussions with DHS

Dear Jamie Clark,

Please read this and proceed accordingly, thanks.

It is the opinion of the OASIS CTI Technical Committee (CTI TC)* that the best option for the STIX and TAXII standards is for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to rescind the trademark claim to STIX and TAXII. Such an action will cement the work done by the United States government, private industry, and OASIS as a whole within the global community while minimizing costs to all parties.

DHS must understand that failing to release this trademark will endanger significant efforts that have been spent to improve cyber threat information sharing.

If DHS cannot rescind their trademark claim to STIX and TAXII then the CTI TC's fallback recommendation would be for the current license to be renegotiated to meet the requirements of the ITU. This is a less certain option than rescinding of the trademark and pursuing this approach increases the probability of a fork of STIX or TAXII being created, which will undermine existing sharing efforts.

If the trademark cannot be resolved either by rescinding the trademark or through renegotiation then the CTI TC will hold a vote to determine if we should officially rename the standards or withdraw our submission.

If forced to rename the standards, a large number of existing international security tools could potentially require significant updates to be performed at significant cost to numerous companies and government agencies around the world.

If forced to withdraw the ITU submission, the likelihood of a fork of STIX/TAXII or a competing, *subpar* standard being adopted by the ITU is greatly increased. This would force considerable remedial development work to be undertaken by numerous implementers of STIX/TAXII to be undertaken at significant cost in order to support an alternative ITU standard for CTI, and with a considerable negative impact on the safety of the global internet.

Sincerely,
The CTI TC members

** As voted upon by the members of the CTI TC from Friday, 30 September 2022 @ 12:00 am UTC through Friday, 7 October 2022 @ 12:00 am UTC*