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1 Classified information and user authentication management

This refers to the procedures and controls implemented by an organization to protect classified or sensitive information and manage user authentication effectively.

YTM implements robust measures to protect classified or sensitive information and manage user access to its information systems:

1. Classified Information Management: This involves identifying and classifying information based on its sensitivity and criticality. The organization should have a clear classification scheme that categorizes information into different levels of sensitivity (e.g., public, internal use, confidential, secret, top-secret). Adequate controls, such as access restrictions and encryption, should be applied based on the information's classification.

2. Access Control Policies: The organization should have well-defined access control policies that dictate who can access specific classified information and under what circumstances. These policies should be enforced through technical measures, such as role-based access control (RBAC) and user authentication mechanisms.

3. User Authentication: The organization has implemented robust user authentication mechanisms to ensure that only authorized users can access classified information. This involves the use of strong passwords, multi-factor authentication (MFA), or other authentication methods based on risk assessments and the sensitivity of the information.

4. User Access Management: Proper user access management procedures should be in place to grant, modify, or revoke user access to classified information based on their roles and responsibilities within the organization. Access is annually reviewed and updated as necessary.

5. Logging and Monitoring: The organization maintains audit logs of user access to classified information and regularly monitor these logs for any suspicious or unauthorized activities.

6. Training and Awareness: Employees and users who have access to classified information receive training on the importance of information security and the proper handling of sensitive data.

7. Physical Security: In addition to digital measures, physical security controls are considered to protect physical assets containing classified information, such as secure rooms, access control systems, and surveillance.

8. Incident Response: The organization have an incident response plan in place to address any security incidents related to classified information promptly and effectively.

By effectively managing classified information and user authentication, an organization can reduce the risk of unauthorized access and data breaches, safeguard sensitive information, and comply with ISO 27001 requirements for information security management. This comprehensive approach is essential for achieving ISO 27001 certification and demonstrating a strong commitment to protecting sensitive data and information assets.

1.1 Re-examination of user access rights

This refers to the process of regularly reviewing and reassessing the access rights granted to users within an organization's information systems and networks.

YTM is putting in place measures to control user access to information and IT resources appropriately:

1. Periodic Review: The organization establishes annual review schedule to assess and validate user access rights.

2. User Access Rights Documentation: The organization maintains comprehensive records of user access rights, specifying the permissions and privileges granted to each user. This documentation helps in conducting effective access rights reviews.

3. Review Criteria: The criteria for the access rights review are defined in advance. This typically includes verifying the appropriateness of access rights based on the users' job roles, responsibilities, and the principle of least privilege (i.e., users are granted only the minimum access necessary to perform their duties).

4. Review Process: During the re-examination, the organization evaluates each user's access rights against the established criteria. The process may involve collaboration between IT administrators, data owners, and relevant management stakeholders.

5. Authorization and Approval: The access rights review process may require authorization and approval from appropriate personnel to ensure accountability and adherence to the organization's policies.

6. Access Rights Adjustment: Based on the outcomes of the review, access rights may be adjusted or modified as necessary. This could involve granting additional permissions, removing unnecessary access, or updating privileges to align with changes in job roles.

7. Incident-Driven Reviews: Besides periodic reviews, access rights may also be re-examined in response to specific events, such as changes in an employee's status (e.g., job change, termination), security incidents, or when access rights violations are detected.

Regularly re-examining user access rights is crucial for maintaining the principle of least privilege, preventing unauthorized access to sensitive information, and mitigating potential security risks. It helps ensure that access rights remain aligned with business requirements and are appropriate for the users' roles within the organization. This practice is consistent with ISO

27001's emphasis on implementing effective access controls and maintaining the security and confidentiality of information assets.

1.2 Nullification or adjustment of access rights

This refers to the process of revoking or modifying user access privileges to information systems, applications, and data within an organization's environment.

YTM is putting in place robust access control mechanisms to manage user access to information and IT resources:

1. Change in User Roles: When an employee's role or responsibilities change within the organization (e.g., promotion, job transfer, or termination), their access rights should be promptly adjusted to reflect their new position. This adjustment ensures that users have the appropriate level of access required for their current role and responsibilities, and no longer have access to information they no longer need.

2. Termination of Employment: When an employee leaves the organization or no longer requires access to certain systems and data, their access rights should be immediately nullified to prevent unauthorized access after departure. Termination procedures should include revoking all access, including physical access (if applicable) and disabling accounts.

3. Temporary Access: For temporary personnel, contractors, or third-party vendors who require access for specific tasks or projects, access rights should be granted only for the duration of the project or the time they are employed. Once their contract or project is completed, their access rights should be promptly nullified.

4. Incident Response: In response to security incidents, data breaches, or access rights violations, access rights may need to be adjusted or nullified to prevent further damage and contain the incident.

5. Authorization and Approval: The process of nullification or adjustment of access rights should be authorized and approved by appropriate personnel, such as IT administrators, data owners, and management stakeholders, to ensure accountability and adherence to established policies.

6. Review and Auditing: The process of nullification or adjustment of access rights should be regularly reviewed and audited to ensure that access rights are being managed effectively and in compliance with organizational policies and standards.

Nullification or adjustment of access rights is crucial for maintaining a strong security posture within an organization. By promptly revoking unnecessary access privileges and adjusting access rights based on users' roles and responsibilities, organizations can mitigate the risk of unauthorized access to sensitive information and prevent potential security breaches. This practice aligns with ISO 27001's focus on implementing effective access controls to protect information assets and ensure information security throughout the organization.