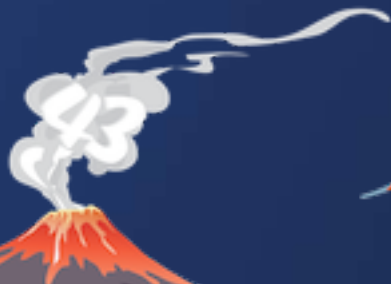


# Fake Renewal Notices Report



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# Background

- Council requested that the Registrar Stakeholder Group provide further information and data on the nature and scope of the issue of Fake Renewal Notices to help inform the GNSO Council's deliberations as to whether an Issue Report should be requested.
- A small group of volunteers was formed to prepare such a request, work with the Registrar Stakeholder Group to obtain the information requested and report back to the GNSO Council accordingly



# DT Approach

- Reviewed relevant background information
- Requested clarification from ICANN Staff
- Developed a survey for the Registrar Community



# Survey

- Nineteen registrars responded to the survey, representing approximately 50% of all gTLD registrations under management
- Responses were split with registrars either viewing this as a serious problem or not a problem at all



# Potential Next Steps

- Options that the GNSO Council may wish to consider as potential next steps:
  - Add a section to the RAA that addresses Business Practices
  - Add the issue to the current or one of the upcoming Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) PDPs
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# Potential Next Steps (cont'd)

- Refer the issue to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) to encourage better education and awareness of this type of abuse amongst the end-user community
- Raise this issue with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in the United States to see if the registrar is in compliance with relevant law
- Initiate a Policy Development Process on Fake Renewal Notices
- Do not proceed with any action at this time

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# Recommendation

- DT recommends that the GNSO Council put this report out for public comment in order to obtain community input on the findings and potential next steps



# Questions

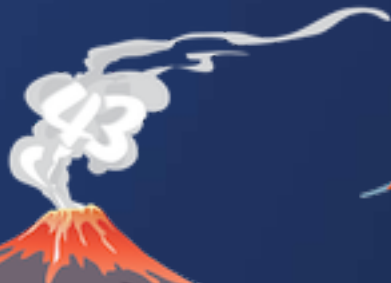
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