

Confusingly similarity process

IDN session

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- Tasked to provide guidelines to improve predictability of confusingly similarity evaluation process.
- Process improvement for both:
 - Fast Track Process
 - Overall Policy
- Sub-working group focused on various issues, has not concluded its work, in particularly on overall process.

Current rules for IDN ccTLD string

- Overarching requirement to preserve the security and stability of the DNS:
 - technical string and confusingly similarity requirements
- IDN ccTLD string needs to be:
 - Country or territory must be listed on ISO 3166
 - Meaningful representation of name of country or territory
 - In an official language in territory and in non-latin script
 - Needs to meet technical requirements and may not be confusingly similar

Current rules

- Two or more strings that are identical or are so confusingly similar that for reasons of stability and security they cannot coexist in the DNS
- Avoid the risk of string confusion with any of two letter [a-z] codes (existing and future ccTLD's)

Emerging specific issue

- Risk of confusingly similarity of requested two letter string in Cyrillic and Greek with two letter [a-z].
- In some cases requested string will be **only** confusingly similar with two-letter code for the same territory.
- IDN ccTLD string is not valid and not available as an IDN ccTLD

Case for Improvement

- Proposed IDN ccTLD manager is operating the two letter ASCII.
- Measures possible to mitigate (some of) the risks

Proposed solution

- If: Established risk of Confusingly similarity of requested string with only ASCII two letter country code for the same country or territory
- Intended manager of IDN ccTLD is manager for two letter code
- Acceptance of forever tying the TLD's together, by all parties concerned and other measures
- Then: IDN ccTLD is deemed to be validated