Confusingly similarity process

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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 Cyrilic 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