NIC Mexico’s Advisory Committee Recommendations on Phishing.

Recomendations from the AC 7th meeting.

ccNSO Members meeting
Some initial considerations

- Phishing numbers under .MX
  - In 2006 there were 40 .MX domain names involved in phishing activities.
    - 2% of all the cases in Mexico.
  - In 2007 there are only 5 domain names.
    - 1% of all the cases in Mexico.

- Hypothetical anti-Phishing Policy
  - It’s about the domain name but mostly about the content.
  - The only goal is to remove the domain from the DNS.
  - Waiting for a holder answer reduces its effectiveness.
What we have done? (I)

- Don’t publish domain names in the DNS when there is not a payment process completed (stop domain tasting in our Registrar).
  - To reduce especulators and force the use of a payment method (which usually provides relevant information from the delinquent).

- Adjusted the procedure to remove domain names in case there is mistaken information in the Whois.
  - Speed up the process to act by ourselves without any initial communication from an external party.

- October 2006.
What we have done? (II)

- In Mexico, the Police “Policia Federal Preventiva” has power to ask us to remove a domain name from the DNS, when:
  - There is the supposition of a crime against the financial system.
  - They ask us the elimination by written letter.
- They’ve done so five times in 2007.
- It take us two days maximum to attend this request.
  - But banking industry is complaining about Police times!
  - It takes them about two weeks in the best cases.
- So far, there are few cases but those numbers could grow.
  - We don’t want bad Press.
  - So, we asked the Advisory Committee for a recommendation and hold a face to face meeting the 25th of September.
Recommendations

- NIC Mexico should do something about this problem
  - Because there is a hazard to the Internet in Mexico that may cause a damage to NIC Mexico.
- But, those actions must be limited by the next considerations:
  - Are within current scope of NIC Mexico (not to dive into content regulation).
  - Avoid damage to Mexico’s Internet infrastructure (NIC Mexico, .MX DNS, ISPs).
  - Don’t excuse the authorities to do their job.
  - Don’t affect the growth and development of .MX domain names.
- Among those possible actions, are:
  - Increase coordination with Mexican authorities in order to improve their response times to those incidents.
  - To look for additional mechanisms, not superseding those with the authority:
    - To notify the domain name holder before any action.
    - No DNS suspension unless requested by authority, as currently done.
  - To follow up the statistics (CERT in Mexico) of those cases and learn from different solutions in other countries.
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