





# Registry Outreach

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## Agenda

- Brief Update Since ICANN 53
  - Registry Agreement Lessons Learned Summary
  - Communicating with Contractual Compliance
  - SLA Monitoring Proposed Changes
- Questions & Answers
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  - Registry Metrics
  - New Registry Agreement Audit Update
  - Policy Efforts & Updates
  - Process Guidelines & Clarifications
  - Contractual Obligations Guidelines





## RA Lessons Learned Summary

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**Zone File Access Requirements (CZDS)** 

Reasons for denial of access

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**Controlled Interruption (CI)** 

Complying with Name Collision Assessment Letter(s)

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**Uniform Rapid Suspension** 

Complying with lock and suspension requirements

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**GDD Summit Question - Preferential Treatment** 

Clarifications on Preferential Treatment under the RA



## 1. Zone File Access Requirements (CZDS)

## Replying to Requests & Reasons for Denial under Specification 4

- Agreement is not explicit on when TLD must reply to requests for zone file access
  - Be reasonable, open and transparent
  - Establish, publish and adhere to policy that informs end-users by when they should reasonably expect a response
  - ICANN inquiry forwards user complaints about pending requests
- Three reasons for denying access under Specification 4:
  - Failure to satisfy credentialing requirements of Section 2.1.2
  - Incorrect or illegitimate credentialing requirements of Section 2.1.2
  - Reasonable belief that requestor will violate terms of Section 2.1.5



## 2. Name Collision, Controlled Interruption

## Complying with Assessment Letter(s) and Approved CI Methodologies

- Ensure compliance with Wildcarded Controlled Interruption or Wildcarded Second Level Domain (SLD) Controlled Interruption
  - 4 Aug 2014 Assessment letter
  - 12 Sep 2014 SLD Variations Letter
- Ensure zone files are available for ICANN review
- Remove Pre-Delegation Testing (PDT) domains from zone file



## 2. Name Collision, Controlled Interruption (CI)

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#### TLDs delegated on or after 18 Aug 2014

- No activation of names (other than nic.tld ) for 90 days after delegation
- The TLD chooses when to start Controlled Interruption
- Implement CI per Section 1 of Name-Collision Occurrence Assessment (the "Assessment")

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# TLDs delegated before 18 Aug 2014 and names activated other than nic.tld

- The TLD chooses when to start CI; meanwhile, blocking SLDs on Alternate Path to Delegation (APD) List
- Once CI starts, implement per Section II of Assessment and 12 Sep 2014 SLD Controlled Interruption Variations
- After CI period ends, may release APD List per Section II (c) of Assessment

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# TLDs delegated on or after 18 Aug 2014 and no names activated, other than nic.tld

- The TLD chooses when to start Controlled Interruption
- Choose whether to follow Section I or II of the Assessment
- Implement CI per the chosen section of the Assessment



# 3. Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS)

## Complying with lock and suspension requirements

- Within 24 hours of receiving notice of complaint from URS provider, Registry Operators must lock the domain
  - Restrict all changes to registration data including transfer and deletion
- Registry Operator must notify the URS provider immediately upon lock
- Upon receipt of determination, Registry Operator immediately suspends name and redirects nameservers to Provider's informational URS site
  - Whois shall reflect the name is not able to be transferred, deleted or modified for the life of the registration
- Lock, suspension and notification requirements must be met regardless of weekends, holidays or other absences



## 4. GDD Summit Questions – Preferential Treatment

# Questions raised at GDD Summit regarding marketing programs, pricing promotions and preferential treatment under registry agreement

- Are marketing programs and pricing promotions ("promotions") required to be offered equally to all registrars?
- Must a registry operator disclose an equally available promotion to all registrars if already disclosed to one?
- Do registrar-initiated promotions have to be offered to all registrars?
- Are promotions part of "operational access" in Specification 9?



## 4. GDD Summit Questions – Preferential Treatment

- Preferential treatment is prohibited
- Potentially relevant provisions of registry agreement:
  - 2.9(a) (non-discriminatory access to Registry Services by registrar and use of a uniform non-discriminatory agreement with all registrars)
  - 2.10 (requiring pricing notification and uniform renewal pricing to registrars, and requirement that all registrars be provided the same opportunity to qualify for discounted Renewal Pricing)
  - Specification 9 Code of Conduct (prohibiting preference to registrar for operational access to registry systems and related registry services)
- Fact-based determinations made on case-by-case basis
- Variable circumstances may exist:
  - Sponsorship of corporate event
  - Reaching certain sales milestones
  - Other?



## **Communicating With ICANN**

## Tips for communicating with ICANN Contractual Compliance

- Whitelist emails from icann.org
- Check that your mail servers are not blocking emails from ICANN
- Reply to compliance notices ASAP and state what you are doing
  - Ensure all questions are answered and documents provided
  - But no later than notice deadline
  - Early response allows for follow up and collaboration if insufficient
- Do not change the subject lines in any way when responding to compliance notices
- Make sure response + attachments are less than 4 MB size total





# Updates to SLA Monitoring Communications

## Specification 10 of the Registry Agreement – EBERO Thresholds

- <u>Currently:</u> ICANN's SLA Monitoring system sends automated alerts to Registry Operators when certain thresholds are met
  - Registry Operators have been non-responsive/slow to respond
- <u>Proposed:</u> Additional communications sent to Registry Operators and Registry Service Providers that require acknowledgement
  - SLA Monitoring alerts: emails and calls to Registry Operators and Registry Service Providers at initial alert and 10%, 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% of threshold
  - Compliance communications: escalated notice initially and breach notice at 100% (DNS-DNSSEC) and 75% (RDDS) of emergency threshold to Registry Operators



# **SLA Monitoring Communications: DNS-DNSSEC**

Trigger:	Communication type:	Means:	To RO Contacts:
Initial incident	Compliance Escalated Notice	Auto Email + Efax + Call	Email: Primary, Legal, Compliance, Technical, 3 Emergency contacts Efax: Compliance contact Call: Compliance contact
10%, 25%, 50% & 75%	Tech Svcs SLA Monitoring Alert	Auto Email + Auto Call	Email: Compliance, Technical, 3 Emergency contacts Call: Any of 3 Emergency contacts
100%	Tech Svcs SLA Monitoring Alert	Auto Email + Auto Call	Email: Compliance, Technical, 3 Emergency contacts Call: Any of 3 Emergency contacts
100%	Compliance Breach Notice (upon validation)	Email + Efax + Courier + Web	Email: Primary, Legal, Compliance contacts  Efax: Legal contact  Courier: Legal contact  Web: Breach published on icann.org



# SLA Monitoring Communications: RDDS

Trigger:	Communication type:	Means:	To RO Contacts:	
10%	Tech Svcs SLA Monitoring Alert	Auto Email + Auto Call	Email: Compliance, Technical, 3 Emergency contacts Call: Any of 3 Emergency contacts	
10%	Compliance Inquiry Notice	Auto Email	Email: Compliance contact	
25% & 50%	Tech Svcs SLA Monitoring Alert	Auto Email + Auto Call	Email: Compliance, Technical, 3 Emergency contacts Call: Any of 3 Emergency contacts	
75%	Tech Svcs SLA Monitoring Alert	Auto Email + Auto Call	Email: Compliance, Technical, 3 Emergency contacts Call: Any of 3 Emergency contacts	
75%	Compliance Breach Notice (upon validation)	Auto Email + Efax + Courier + Web	Email: Primary, Legal, Compliance contacts  Efax: Legal contact  Courier: Legal contact  Web: Breach published on icann.org	
100%	Tech Svcs SLA Monitoring Alert	Auto Email + Auto Call	Email: Compliance, Technical, 3 Emergency contacts Call: Any of 3 Emergency contacts	



## **Questions & Answers**



## **Send compliance questions**

<u>To</u>: compliance@icann.org

Subject line: ICANN 54 Registry Outreach Session

#### The ICANN 54 presentations are available at:

- The outreach page at this link
   <a href="https://www.icann.org/resources/compliance/outreach">https://www.icann.org/resources/compliance/outreach</a>
- The ICANN 54 Schedule page at this link <a href="http://dublin54.icann.org/en/schedule-full">http://dublin54.icann.org/en/schedule-full</a>



# **Appendix**

- Continuous Improvements Updates
- Registry Metrics
- New Registry Agreement Audit Update
- Policy Efforts & Updates
- Process Guidelines & Clarifications
- Contractual Obligations Guidelines



## Continuous Improvements Updates

## Improvements based upon community & contracted party feedback:

- Add closure reason in closure notices sent to contracted parties
- Additional template and closure reason updates to provide greater clarity

#### Other improvements:

- Update to UDRP complaint web form and templates to align with 31 July 2015 update to UDRP Rules
- Update to Whois ARS import utility to create compliance tickets based upon updated Whois ARS report format
- Software update to address a security vulnerability and feature improvements (parent/child tickets and enhancements to text format)

#### Weekly file of registrar tickets

- At 01:00 UTC on Sundays, system emails registrar a .csv of all complaints at least in 1st notice (and closed within 30 days) with current status
- To request this file, email <u>registrar@icann.org</u>

<sup>\*</sup>Gray updates are related to registrars only



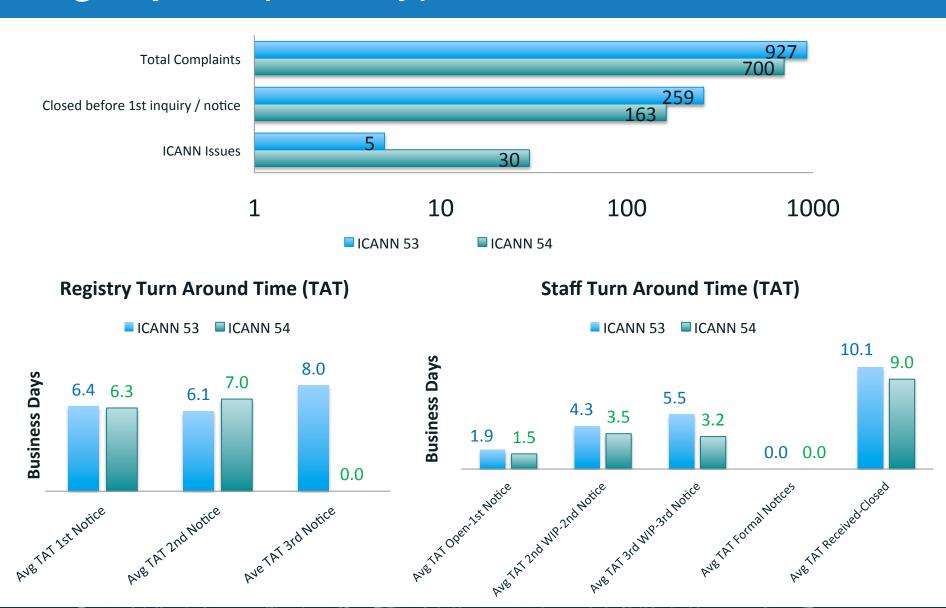


# Registry Complaint Types in Detail

Registry Complaints	Quantity		Closed before 1st inquiry / notice		ICANN Issue	
	ICANN 53	ICANN 54	ICANN 53	ICANN 54	ICANN 53	ICANN 54
ZONE FILE ACCESS	312	250	70	62	0	0
REGISTRY DATA ESCROW	133	104	2	0	3	3
SLA	101	45	51	12	0	0
REGISTRY OTHER	73	52	41	21	1	0
RESERVED NAMES/CONTROLLED INTERRUPTION	61	40	33	20	0	0
CODE OF CONDUCT	56	7	8	4	0	0
REGISTRY FEES	51	29	1	1	0	0
MONTHLY REPORT	33	88	2	1	0	22
ABUSE CONTACT DATA	24	19	8	11	0	0
BRDA	23	12	1	0	0	0
URS	20	5	15	5	0	0
BULK ZFA	15	6	1	0	1	0
RR-DRP	9	12	10	12	0	0
PIC	7	8	7	8	0	0
SUNRISE	7	21	6	4	0	5
MISCONDUCT	1	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS SERVICES	1	1	1	1	0	0
BANKRUPTCY	0	0	2	0	0	0
WILDCARD PROHIBITION	0	1	0	1	0	0
Total	927	700	259	163	5	30

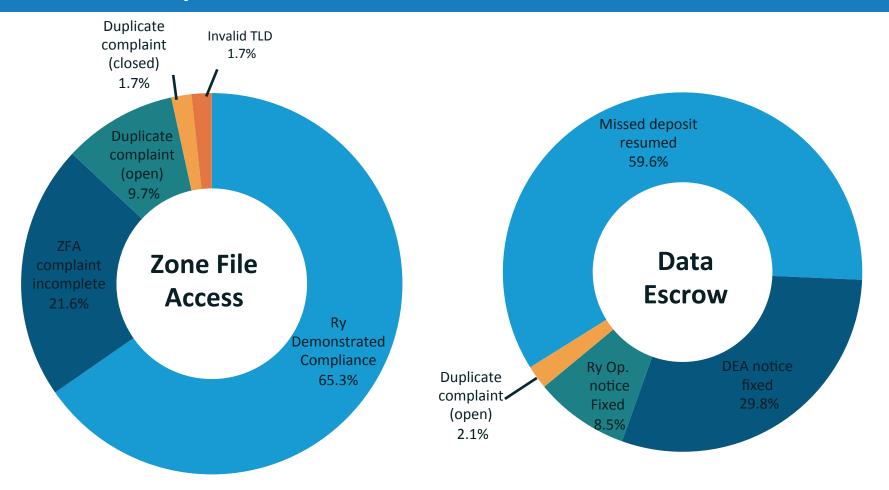


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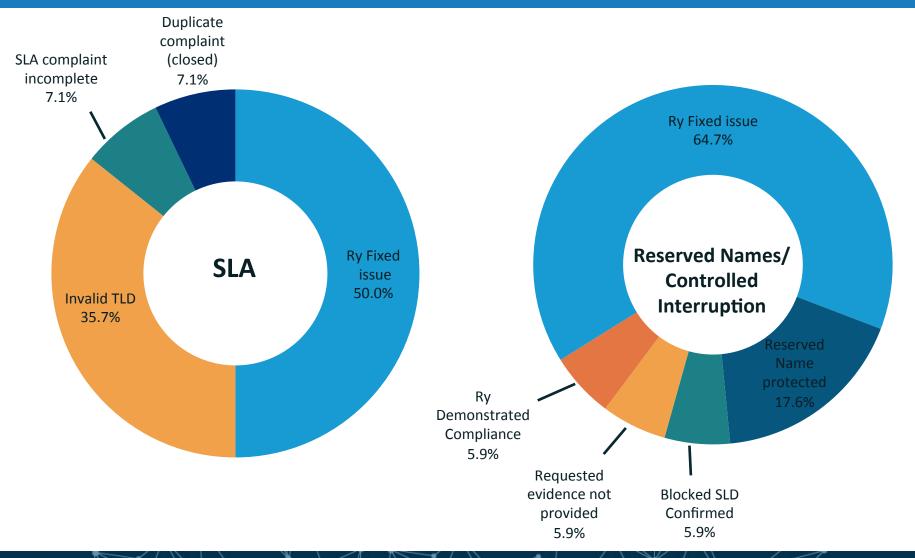


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## New Registry Agreement Audit Update

- Completed the March 2015 New Registry Agreement Audit Program
- Report published at <u>https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/compliance-reports-2015-04-15-en</u>
- 11 Registry Operators on New Registry Agreement were selected for audit
  - 10 completed the audit
  - 1 continued remediation beyond report publication due to Data Escrow format and content issues – now completed
- Sources of data audited: Registry Operators, Data Escrow Agents, Trademark Clearinghouse and ICANN
- Documentation Languages: Dutch, English, French, Japanese, Mandarin, Russian
- Countries represented: Belgium, China, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, Russia, South Africa



# March 2015 RA Audit – Key Issues and Impact

	Issue	RAA Provision	Importance	Action & description
1	Data Escrow: - Whois registration data differed from escrow data - Some mandatory fields are missing in Data Escrow file	Article 2.3 Data Escrow (Specification 2)	Correct processing and escrowing of registration data is required for restorability and to protect consumers	Identified and corrected issue: TLD escrow system was misplacing portions of registration information into incorrect fields; new fields added to Data Escrow file system
2	Incomplete data returned in Whois queries	Article 2.5 Publication of Whois Registration Data (Specification 4)	Processing, maintaining and displaying of domain level information are required and vital for consumers of the gTLD	Identified and corrected issue: Necessary changes have been applied to Whois query system
3	Monthly reports: number of domains incorrectly reported	Article 2.4 Monthly Reporting (Specification 3)	Inaccurate domain counts may result in incorrect reporting to public and over or underpayment of fees to ICANN	Identified and corrected issue: error in TLD reporting system which was overlooking names without nameservers
4	Abuse language in Registry-Registrar Agreement: missing or incorrect	Article 2.17 Additional Public Interest Commitments (Specification 11)	Abuse language informs the community and promotes security	Identified and corrected issue: TLD added and updated abuse language
5	Security threats: orphan glue records in zone file	Article 2.3 Data Escrow; Specification 2	Orphan glue records are susceptible to malicious abuse	Identified and corrected issue: TLD removed orphan glue records
6	Eligibility Criteria for prospective Registrars: unavailable	Section 2.14 Registry Code of Conduct; (Specification 9)	Establishing and communicating clear eligibility criteria for prospective registrars prevents preferential treatment of registrars	Identified and corrected issue: TLD established and communicated clear eligibility criteria to prospective registrars





## Policy and Working Group Efforts

#### Actively contributing to registry-related policies and Working Groups

- gTLD Registry Advisory for Correction of non-compliant ROIDs <a href="https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/correction-non-compliant-roids-2015-08-26-en">https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/correction-non-compliant-roids-2015-08-26-en</a>
- Clarification of Public Interest Commitments Specification 11, Section 3b Advisory and Security Framework
- Registration Data Directory Service both effective 31 January 2016:
  - Advisory on Whois Clarifications
     https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registry-agreement-raa-rdds-2015-04-27-en
  - Additional Whois Information Policy (AWIP) Consensus Policy: <a href="https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/policy-awip-2014-07-02-en">https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/policy-awip-2014-07-02-en</a>





## Informal Resolution Process Guidelines

#### **Notice**

- Sent regarding an alleged area of noncompliance
- Proactive compliance monitoring (if above applies)
- Complaint from third party (upon validation)

Note: Subject line will indicate whether Notice or Inquiry

# vs)

## Inquiry

- Information gathering is required
- No known compliance violation
- Proactive compliance monitoring effort (if above applies)

Note: Non-response to Inquiry may result in a Notice

## **Escalated compliance notices** apply to compliance matters that:

- Require immediate resolution
- Are a repeat of a matter that was claimed to be previously cured
- Are grounds for termination (e.g., insolvency, conviction, stability issue)



## Informal Resolution Process - Clarifications

- Deadlines are generated on UTC time
- Due dates advance at 00:00 UTC
- Staff processing across 3 global hubs
  - Notices or inquiries sent on same day may have different deadlines



## Informal Resolution Process - Clarifications

NOTE: Early response allows for follow up and collaboration

- ICANN will generally send a follow up for:
  - Insufficient response received before due date and time remains
  - Insufficient response received early and ICANN review/response past due date
  - Extension requested by contracted party by due date (with reason)
  - Clarification requested by contracted party before due date
- - No response from contracted party
  - Insufficient response received near or on due date



## Informal Resolution Process - Contacts

ICANN staff uses various contacts in the informal resolution process

- Registrars: 1-2-3 notices sent to designated email contacts depending on complaint type; primary contact is also copied on 3rd notice and sent 3rd notice fax
- Registries: 1-2-3 notices and 3rd notice fax sent to compliance contact;
   primary contact and legal notice contact also copied on 3rd notice
- Reminder calls are made to contracted parties after 2nd and 3rd notices (if response is insufficient)
  - Primary contact for registrars and compliance contact for registries
  - Telephone numbers are encouraged to be direct lines (rather than general customer service lines), with voicemail





## Registry Program Scope

- The Registry Agreement and applicable Consensus Policies
- The Dispute Resolution Procedures
  - Public Interest Commitments
  - Community Registration Restrictions
  - Trademark Post-Delegation
  - Uniform Rapid Suspension
- The Sunrise Processes.
- The Claims Services Processes.
- The Audit is limited to the representations and warranties in Article 1, and the covenants in Article 2



# Selected Obligations Due Upon Signing of the RA

- Comply with <u>Temporary & Consensus Policies</u>, as applicable (Spec 1)
- Reserve Special Domain Names (Spec 5)
- Meet <u>Interoperability/Continuity Standards</u>(Spec 6)
- Implement <u>Rights Protection Mechanisms</u> (Spec 7)
- Maintain <u>Continued Operations Instrument</u> (Spec 8)
- Comply with <u>Code of Conduct</u> (Spec 9)
- Comply with <u>Public Interest Commitments</u> (Spec 11)
- Implement Community Registration Policies, as applicable (Spec 12)
- Pay <u>Registry RPM Access Fees</u> (Article 6)
- Comply with Name-Collision Occurrence Assessment



# Selected Obligations Due Upon Delegation

- Ensure Daily Escrow Deposits are made and that
   <u>Escrow Agent delivers daily verification notifications</u> (Spec 2) & Registry notifies ICANN
- Submit <u>Monthly Reports</u> (Spec 3)
- Operate a <u>WHOIS service & web-based RDDS</u> per Spec 4
- Grant access to ICANN of daily **Zone File** (Spec 4, Section 2.3)
- Grant access to ICANN of weekly <u>Thin Registration Data</u> (Spec 4, Section 3)
- Maintain <u>Registry Performance</u> (Spec 10)



# Comply with Temporary & Consensus Policies

 Consensus Policies are developed by the community and adopted by the ICANN Board

 Temporary Policies are ICANN Board-established specifications or policies necessary to maintain stability or security of Registrar Services, Registry Services, DNS or Internet



## **Reserved Names**

## Article 2.6 & Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement

- In part for Registry Operations and Marketing
- Other Requirements
  - Two-character labels at the second level (unless otherwise approved by ICANN)
  - Names on the list of Inter-governmental organizations (IGO), at the second level
  - Names on the list of International Olympic Committee, International Red Cross & Red Crescent, at the second level
  - Country and Territory names at all levels (and IDN variants as applicable)



## Registry Interoperability & Continuity Specifications

## Specification 6 of the Registry Agreement

- Compliance with Standards: DNS, EPP, DNSSEC, IDN, IPv6, IDN Tables
  - Comply with relevant Request For Comments (RFC)
  - Sign the TLD zone files implementing Domain Name System Security Extensions ("DNSSEC") sign its TLD zone files implementing Domain Name System Security Extensions
  - Comply with the ICANN IDN Guidelines
  - Accept IPv6 addresses as glue records in its Registry System and publish them in the DNS
- Comply with Approved Registry Services & Wildcard Prohibition
- Establish a Business Continuity Plan & Conduct Annual Testing
- Publish Abuse Contact Data & Establish Process for Malicious Use of Orphan Glue Records
- Requirements about Initial & Renewal Registrations
- Comply with Name Collision Occurrence Management



# TMCH Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPM)

### Specification 7 of the Registry Agreement

- Comply with Trademark Clearinghouse Rights Protection Mechanisms Requirements
- Comply with all dispute resolution procedures
  - Uniform Rapid Suspension
    - Lock domain within 24 hours of notice by URS provider and perform actions required upon notification of URS decision
  - Registry Restriction Procedure and Trademark-Post Delegation Procedure
    - Perform remedial actions if reporter of dispute prevails



# Improper Allocation / Earmarking

### Trademark Clearinghouse RPM Requirements Sections 2.1.1 & 2.2.4

- Definition: to "Allocate" is to "designate, assign, or otherwise earmark" a
   Domain Name
- Subject to exceptions, Registry Operator cannot Allocate name to registrant that is not a Sunrise-eligible rights holder prior to Allocation or registrations of all Sunrise-Registrations
- Improper Allocation occurs regardless of sunrise preemption or whether the earmarked name was converted to a registration



# **Uniform Rapid Suspension**

## Specification 7 of the Registry Agreement

- Registry must lock domain in dispute under URS within 24 hours of receipt of Notice of Lock from URS Provider
  - If URS Provider submits complaint to ICANN, 1-2-3 expedited notices (24 hours each) to registry operator
- Registry must perform steps in Section 10.2 of URS procedure upon receipt of URS Determination in favor of complainant
  - ICANN enforces based on report by complainant that prevailed



## Registration Restriction Dispute Resolution Procedure

## Specification 7 of the Registry Agreement

- Comply with community registration policies per Article 2.19 and Specification 12
- ICANN conducts preliminary review of complaint to ensure it is complete, has claim of non-compliance with at least one registration restriction and that reporter is in good standing
- If report passes initial review, complaint is sent to Registry Operator; if dispute remains unsettled reporter may file complaint with approved Service Provider



## **Continued Operations Instrument (COI)**

### Specification 8 of the Registry Agreement

- COI for sufficient financial coverage of critical registry functions of Section 6 of Specification 10 (EBERO Thresholds)
  - 6 years from effective date of Registry Agreement
  - If terminated or not renewed, required to obtain replacement COI
- No amendment without ICANN approval <a href="https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-3-2015-09-15-en">https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-3-2015-09-15-en</a>
- Subject to review and/or audit to determine sufficiency based on number of domains under management
  - EBERO agreement fee table provides guidance



# COI Guidance – EBERO Agreement Fee Table

https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/ebero-2013-04-02-en

## EXHIBIT D-1 Standard Emergency Event Fee Table

DUM	EB	ERO Fee	DUM	EBERO Fee		DUM	EBERO Fee		DUM	EBERO Fee			DUM	EBERO Fee	
1	\$	18,000													
500	\$	18,000	30,500	47,826		60,500	92,016		90,500	\$	128,016		120,500	\$	154,496
1,000	\$	18,000	31,000	48,636		61,000	92,616		91,000	\$	128,616		121,000	\$	154,864
1,500	\$	18,000	31,500	49,446		61,500	93,216		91,500	\$	129,216	$\neg$	121,500	\$	155,231
2,000	\$	18,000	32,000	50,256		62,000	93,816		92,000	\$	129,816		122,000	\$	155,599
2,500	\$	18,000	32,500	51,066		62,500	94,416		92,500	\$	130,416		122,500	\$	155,967
3,000	\$	18,000	33,000	51,876		63,000	95,016		93,000	\$	131,016		123,000	\$	156,335
3,500	\$	18,000	33,500	52,686		63,500	95,616		93,500	\$	131,616		123,500	\$	156,703
4,000	\$	18,000	34,000	53,486		64,000	96,216		94,000	\$	132,216		124,000	\$	157,070
4,500	\$	18,000	34,500	54,306		64,500	96,816		94,500	\$	132,816		124,500	\$	157,438
5,000	\$	18,000	35,000	55,116		65,000	97,416		95,000	\$	133,416		125,000	\$	157,806
5,500	\$	18,000	35,500	55,926		65,500	98,016		95,500	\$	134,016		125,500	\$	158,174
6,000	\$	18,000	36,000	56,736		66,000	98,616		96,000	\$	134,616		126,000	\$	158,542
6,500	\$	18,000	36,500	57,546		66,500	99,216		96,500	\$	135,216		126,500	\$	158,909
7,000	\$	18,000	37,000	58,356		67,000	99,816		97,000	\$	135,816		127,000	\$	159,277
7,500	\$	18,000	37,500	59,166		67,500	100,416		97,500	\$	136,416		127,500	\$	159,645
8,000	\$	18,000	38,000	59,976		68,000	101,016		98,000	\$	137,016		128,000	\$	160,013
8,500	\$	18,000	38,500	60,786		68,500	101,616		98,500	\$	137,616		128,500	\$	160,381
9,000	\$	18,000	39,000	61,596		69,000	102,216		99,000	\$	138,216		129,000	\$	160,748
9,500	\$	18,000	39,500	62,406		69,500	102,816		99,500	\$	138,816		129,500	\$	161,116
10,000	\$	18,000	40,000	63,216		70,000	103,416	_	100,000	\$	139,416		130,000	\$	161,484
10,500	\$	18,697	40,500	64,026		70,500	104,016		100,500	\$	139,784		130,500	\$	161,852
11,000	\$	19,394	41,000	64,836		71,000	104,616		101,000	\$	140,152		131,000	\$	162,220
11,500	\$	20,092	41,500	65,646		71,500	105,216		101,500	\$	140,519		131,500	\$	162,587
12,000	\$	20,789	42,000	66,456		72,000	105,816		102,000	\$	140,887		132,000	\$	162,955
12,500	\$	21,486	42,500	67,266		72,500	106,416		102,500	\$	141,255		132,500	\$	163,323
13,000	\$	22,183	43,000	67,860		73,000	107,016		103,000	\$	141,623		133,000	\$	163,691
13,500	\$	22,880	43,500	68,886		73,500	107,616		103,500	\$	141,991		133,500	\$	164,059
14,000	\$	23,578	44,000	69,696		74,000	108,216		104,000	\$	142,358		134,000	\$	164,426
14,500	\$	24,275	44,500	70,506		74,500	108,816		104,500	\$	142,726		134,500	\$	164,794
15,000	\$	24,972	45,000	71,316	Щ	75,000	109,416		105,000	\$	143,094		135,000	\$	165,162
15,500	\$	25,669	45,500	72,126		75,500	110,016		105,500	\$	143,462		135,500	\$	165,530
16,000	\$	26,366	46,000	72,936		76,000	110,616		106,000	\$	143,830		136,000	\$	165,898
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## **Code of Conduct**

## Specification 9 of the Registry Agreement

- Provide registrars equal access to Registry Services
- No front-running
- Requirements for Registry Operators with cross-ownership
  - Must prevent unauthorized disclosures of Personal Data by Affiliated Registrar
  - By 20 January of each year: submit Code of Conduct Certification to ICANN signed by TLD Executive and with results of review
  - Separate legal entities and separate accounting books



## **Annual Certifications**

#### Clarifications

- Who Executes the Certification
  - "an executive officer of the Registry Operator"
- What to Submit
  - Certification of Continued Compliance with Specification 13 Status
  - Certification of Continued Compliance with Exemption Status
  - Specification 9 Code of Conduct
    - If vertically integrated and no Specification 13 or Exemption Status granted



## **Public Interest Commitments**

### Specification 11 of the Registry Agreement

- Comply with mandatory and voluntary (as applicable) commitments
- ICANN compliance can enforce PICs regardless of whether a PIC-DRP is filed.
- PIC-DRP: ICANN conducts preliminary review of complaint to ensure it is complete, has a claim of non-compliance with at least one commitment, and that reporter is in good standing
- Registry and reporter have 30 days to resolve dispute; if unsettled ICANN investigates or defers to Standing Panel
- Standing panel has 15 days to return a decision to ICANN
- If reporter prevails ICANN sends notice of breach to Registry Operator and it has 30 days to cure



# Community Registration Policies

### Specification 12 of the Registry Agreement

- Criteria for eligibility to register names
- Methods for validating Community eligibility
- Required to be member of specified Community
- Procedures for resolution of disputes concerning compliance with TLD registration policies



## **Data Escrow**

## Specification 2 of the Registry Agreement

- Daily deposits by the Registry Operator
  - Sunday: full deposits to Data Escrow Agent by 23:59 UTC
    - Full deposit consists of entire set of registry database objects as defined
  - Monday-Saturday: differential deposits by 23:59 UTC (or full deposit)
    - Differential deposit includes all registry database objects that have been created, deleted or updated since previous full or differential deposit
- Registry Operator must ensure that Data Escrow Agent sends daily status notifications to ICANN per Section 7, Part B
- Registry Operators also sends daily notification of deposit to ICANN per Section 7, Part A



# **Monthly Reports**

### Specification 3 of the Registry Agreement

- Two reports are required
  - Registry Functions Activity
  - Per Registrar Transaction Report
- Registry Operator must provide one set per TLD, using API described in draft-lozano-icann-registry-interfaces, see Specification 2, Part A, Section 9, reference 5
- Reports are required to be uploaded by 20th day of month for any prior month TLD is delegated
  - Even if TLD is delegated on last day of the month (e.g., TLD delegated 31 May, May reports must be uploaded by 20 June)



## WHOIS Service & RDDS

## Specification 4, Section 1 of the Registry Agreement

- Operate a Whois service
- Operate a web-based Registration Data Directory Service
- 31 January 2016 effective date for both Additional Whois Information Policy (AWIP) and Whois Advisory has been announced (<a href="https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2015-04-27-en">https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2015-04-27-en</a>)



## Zone File Access

### Specification 4, Section 2 of the Registry Agreement

- Must provide to ICANN, bulk access to the zone files by 00:00:00 UTC
- Must provide zone data to end users who request it through the Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS)



# Weekly Access to Thin Registration Data

### Specification 4, Section 3 of the Registry Agreement

 Must provide to ICANN, bulk access on the day of the week specified by ICANN during onboarding via the Onboarding Information Request (ONBIR)



# Maintain Registry Performance

### Specification 10 of the Registry Agreement

- Meet the service level outlined in the Service Level Agreement matrix of Specification 10
- Maintain records for a period of at least one year



## Fees

### Article 6 of the Registry Agreement

- Fees payable to ICANN are outlined in Article 6 of the Registry Agreement
- Invoiced to Registry Operator by ICANN Accounting department
- When fees are 30+ days past due and ICANN Accounting has exhausted attempts to obtain payment, past due fees are referred to ICANN Compliance
- Upon receipt of an ICANN Compliance fees notice:
  - Respond to the Compliance notice by due date (whether payment has been made)
  - Make payment to ICANN Accounting

