

#### Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy Part B PDP Proposed Final Report

#### IRTP Part B PDP Working Group



# Background





- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP)
- Straightforward process for registrants to transfer domain names between registrars
- Currently under review to ensure improvements and clarification - nr 1. area of complaint according to data from ICANN Compliance
- IRTP Part B PDP Working Group second in a series of five PDPs

# **Charter Questions**



- Should there be a process or special provisions for urgent return of hijacked registration, inappropriate transfers or change of registrant?
- Registrar Lock Status (standards / best practices & clarification of denial reason #7)



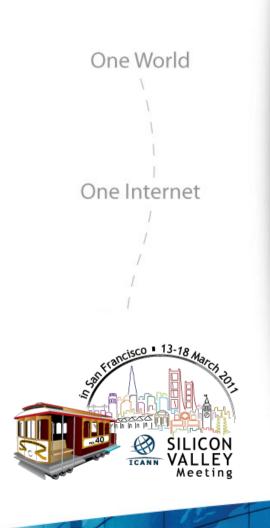
# **Recent Developments**





PDP was initiated in June 2009

- Publication of Initial Report on 29 May 2010
- Opening of Public Comment Forum after meeting in Brussels
- Seventeen Community submissions received
- WG reviewed public comments and continued deliberations
- WG published proposed Final Report for public comment on 21 February 2011 containing 9 recommendations



#### The Recommendations

#### Overview

#### **Charter Question A**

a) Whether a process for urgent return/resolution of a domain name should be developed, as discussed within the SSAC hijacking report
 (http://www.icann.org/announcements/hijacking-report-12jul05.pdf); see
 also (http://www.icann.org/correspondence/cole-to-tonkin-14mar05.htm);

### Recommendations (Question A)

- #1 The WG is considering recommending requiring registrars to provide an Emergency Action Channel (as described in SAC007 [PDF, 400 KB]). The WG recognizes that there are further details that would need to be worked out. This Emergency Action Channel could also be used for non-transfer abuse issues.
- #2 The WG recommends that registrants consider the measures to protect domain registrar accounts against compromise and misuse described in SAC044, Section 5.

#### **Charter Question B**

b. Whether additional provisions on undoing inappropriate transfers are needed, especially with regard to disputes between a Registrant and Admin Contact (AC). The policy is clear that the Registrant can overrule the AC, but how this is implemented is currently at the discretion of the registrar;

## Recommendations (Question B)

- #3 The WG recommends requesting an Issues Report on the requirement of 'thick' WHOIS for all incumbent gTLDs.
- #4 WG recommends requesting an Issue Report to examine 'Change of Control' function, including an investigation of how this function is currently achieved, if there are any applicable models in the country-code name space, and any associated security concerns
- #5 The WG recommends modifying section 3 of the IRTP to require that the Registrar of Record/Losing Registrar be required to notify the Registered Name Holder/Registrant of the transfer out.

### Charter Question C

c. Whether special provisions are needed for a change of registrant when it occurs near the time of a change of registrar. The policy does not currently deal with change of registrant, which often figures in hijacking cases;

### Recommendation (Question C)

 #6 - Modification of denial reason #6 so that language is expanded and clarified to tailor it more to explicitly address registrar-specific (i.e. non-EPP) locks in order to make it clear that the Transfer Contact (often the registrant) must give some sort of informed opt-in express consent to having such a lock applied, and the registrant must be able to have the lock removed upon reasonable notice and authentication

### Charter Question D

 d. Whether standards or best practices should be implemented regarding use of a Registrar Lock status (e.g. when it may/may not, should/should not be applied);

# **Charter Question D**

- #7 if a review of the UDRP is conducted in the near future, the issue of requiring the locking of a domain name subject to UDRP proceedings is taken into consideration
- #8 The WG recommends standardizing and clarifying WHOIS status messages regarding Registrar Lock status

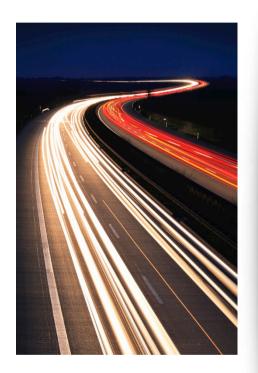
#### **Charter Question E**

e. Whether, and if so, how best to clarify denial reason #7: A domain name was already in 'lock status' provided that the Registrar provides a readily accessible and reasonable means for the Registered Name Holder to remove the lock status.

## Charter Question E

#9 - The WG recommends deleting denial reason #7 as a valid reason for denial under section 3 of the IRTP as it is technically not possible to initiate a transfer for a domain name that is locked, and hence cannot be denied, making this denial reason obsolete. Instead denial reason #7 should be replaced by adding a new provision in a different section of the IRTP on when and how domains may be locked or unlocked.

# Next Steps



- Public comment forum open until 31 March

   please provide your feedback
   <u>http://www.icann.org/en/public-</u>
   <u>comment/public-comment-201103-</u>
   <u>en.htm#irtp-b-proposed-final-report</u>
- WG to review comments received and finalize report for submission to GNSO Council



# **Further Information**



- IRTP Part B PDP Proposed Final Report -<u>http://gnso.icann.org/issues/transfers/irtp-</u> <u>b-proposed-final-report-21feb11-en.pdf</u>
- IRTP Part B Public Comment Forum -<u>http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/</u> <u>public-comment-201103-en.htm#irtp-b-</u> <u>proposed-final-report</u>
- IRTP Part B PDP WG Workspace -<u>https://st.icann.org/irtp-partb/</u>





### Questions

