GNSO gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group Statement

Issue: ICANN Proposal to Mitigate Name Collision Risks

Date: 27 August 2013


This statement on the issue noted above is submitted on behalf of the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG). The statement that follows represents a consensus position of the RySG as further detailed at the end of the document. The RySG statement was arrived at through a combination of RySG email list discussion and RySG meetings (including teleconference meetings).

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) supports the letter submitted by the New gTLD Applicant Group (NTAG) on 14 August 2013. The RySG vote resulted in a supermajority in support with one minority statement. Both the NTAG letter and the Verisign minority statement are attached.

CLARIFYING NOTE: ICM Registry agrees that there were known no incidents at the time of the launch of the .xxx TLD, but does note that in December 2012 the Russian Apple Store accidentally displayed content from .xxx domains. Given that this event was over a year after the launch of the TLD, it appears to be an instance of developer error rather than a problem caused by the introduction of .xxx.

RySG Level of Support

1. **Level of Support of Active Members:** [Supermajority]
   1.1. # of Members in Favor: 13
   1.2. # of Members Opposed: 1
   1.3. # of Members that Abstained: 0
   1.4. # of Members that did not vote: 2

2. **Minority Position(s):** Attached

General RySG Information

- Total # of eligible RySG Members\(^1\): 17

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\(^1\) All top-level domain sponsors or registry operators that have agreements with ICANN to provide Registry Services in support of one or more gTLDs are eligible for membership upon the “effective date” set forth in the operator’s or
- Total # of RySG Members: 17
- Total # of Active RySG Members\(^2\): 17
- Minimum requirement for supermajority of Active Members: 11
- Minimum requirement for majority of Active Members: 9
- # of Members that participated in this process: 17
- Names of Members that participated in this process:
  1. Afilias (.info, .mobi & .pro)
  2. CORE
  3. Donuts
  4. DotAsia Organisation (.asia)
  5. DotCooperation (.coop)
  6. Employ Media (.jobs)
  7. Fundació puntCAT (.cat)
  8. ICM Registry LLC (.xxx)
  9. International Domain Registry (.shabaka)
  10. Museum Domain Management Association – MuseDoma (.museum)
  11. NeuStar (.biz)
  12. Public Interest Registry - PIR (.org)
  13. Societe Internationale de Telecommunication Aeronautiques – SITA (.aero)
  14. Telnic (.tel)
  15. Tralliance Registry Management Company (TRMC) (.travel)
  16. Universal Postal Union (UPU) (.post)
  17. VeriSign (.com, .name, & .net)

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\(^2\) Per the RySG Charter, Article II, RySG Membership, Sec.D: Members shall be classified as “Active” or “Inactive”. An active member must meet eligibility requirements, must be current on dues, and must be a regular participant in RySG activities. A member shall be classified as Active unless it is classified as Inactive pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph. Members become Inactive by failing to participate in three consecutively scheduled RySG meetings or voting processes or both. An Inactive member shall continue to have membership rights and duties except being counted as present or absent in the determination of a quorum. An Inactive member immediately resumes Active status at any time by participating in a RySG meeting or by voting.