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Trademark Clearinghouse

- **What percentage of your marks did you record in the Clearinghouse? What factors did you take into consideration in making this decision and which was the most important factor?**

We have not recorded any marks in the Cleanhouse. The factor taken in consideration for not recording the marks with the Cleanhouse is that our clients get their marks registered with the Trademarks Offices. They do not prefer the prescribed legal system.

- **What were the challenges, if any, in terms of satisfying the requirements for trademark inclusion into the Clearinghouse?**

Not applicable.

- **What changes might make the trademark verification process more effective?**

In order to make the verification process more effective, all the system should be based upon trademark registrations with Official Trademark Offices.

- **Did you encounter any issues with updating Clearinghouse records, and if so what would improve this?**

Not applicable.

- **If you have submitted proof of use, what challenges have you encountered, if any, in terms of satisfying the proof of use requirements?**

Not applicable.

- **What changes might make the proof of use verification process more effective?**

Not applicable.

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- **If you are a trademark holder, have you had any concerns about distribution and misuse of your data in the Trademark Clearinghouse? Have you identified any issues in this respect? Do the Clearinghouse benefits outweigh the concerns about distribution of data?**

Not applicable.

- **Do you think Trademark Clearinghouse has been effective in restricting eligibility to the trademarks of legitimate trademark holders? Have you detected any gaming of the Clearinghouse verification process? If so, could this be prevented by modification to the verification standards?**
 - i. No, the Sunrise period has not been effective in restricting eligibility to the trademarks of legitimate trademark holders.
 - ii. No, we have not detected any gaming of the Cleanhousing verification process.

SunrisePeriod

- **Have you made Sunrise registrations of domain names? What factors did you take into consideration in deciding whether to do so and which was the most important factor?**

No, we have not registered domain names using the Sunrise registrations.

- **What were the challenges, if any, in terms of registering a domain name during the Sunrise period?**

Not Applicable

- **What changes might make Sunrise processes more effective?**

Protection norms need to be introduced to provide protection against infringers registering brand names and for that a mechanism to check brand ownership credentials needs to be well in place to avoid fake name registrations.

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- **Did having a set of minimum requirements across the Sunrise Periods of different TLDs (i.e. having a valid Trademark Clearinghouse record with verified proof of use; having a minimum sunrise duration, minimum measures to give notice before name allocation began) provide for increased efficiencies in registration processes? Were there advantages or disadvantages for a rights owner?**

Not applicable.

- **How effective is the Sunrise period for protecting intellectual property rights?**

The sunrise period has played an important role in protecting the intellectual property rights of a right holder. It provides the right holder to register those domain names similar to its trademarks before they are made available to the public.

- **Were there instances where you could not register a name during Sunrise due to the name having been reserved by the registry? Were there instances where a name which was reserved during the Sunrise was subsequently released by the registry after the Sunrise had ended and what happened? If you are able to, please give actual examples.**

Not applicable.

- **Were there instances where a name that you wanted to register during Sunrise had been designated a Premium name by the registry? What impact did this have on the pricing and on your decision whether to register during Sunrise? If you are able to, please give actual examples.**

Not Applicable.

- **Did you use a Sunrise Dispute Resolution Process (SDRP) to challenge a Sunrise registration? If so, how useful was the SDRP in resolving disputes?**

No, we did not use a Sunrise Dispute resolution to challenge a Sunrise registration.

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Trademark Claims

- **Have you received a notice of registration of a domain name matching your/your client's trademark? If so, how clear was this notice? Is there any other information that should be included in this notice? Did this notice help trademark holders decide on next steps?**

No, we have never received a notice of registration of a domain name matching our or our client's trademarks.

- **Have you received a notice warning you about an existing trademark matching the domain name you have sought to register? If so, what has been your/your client's response to the notice? Was this notice an effective form of communication?**

No, we have never received a warning about an existing trademark matching the domain name we sought to register.

- **Did you encounter cases where the notice was not received in a timely manner?**

Not applicable.

- **It is possible to record up to 50 previously-abused names against the trademark record on the Trademark Clearinghouse. Have you recorded any previously abused labels? If so, how effective has this been in protecting against trademark abuse and infringement? Should the standards for verification of previously abused labels be modified?**

Not applicable. We have not recorded any previously abused labels.

- **How could the Claims service be improved?**

For an effective claim service to be provided the complaint period must be reduced and the grievances of the right holder must be addressed at the earliest.

- **Have you had experience of an extended Claims services (i.e. Trademark Claims period that is longer than 90 days)? How useful are extended Claims services? What were the challenges, if any, of extended Claims services?**

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No, we have not experiences extended claim services.

UniformRapidSuspension (URS)

- **Have you encountered cybersquatting in the new gTLDs?**

No, we have not encountered cybersquatting in thye new gTLDs. The number of gTDs is not high as it is alleged.

- **Have you used the URS? What were the factors you took into consideration in deciding to use the URS, and which was the most important factor? If you did not use the URS, what did you do instead?**

No, we haven't made use of the URS.

- **How effective is this service in providing a quick and low-cost process for addressing infringement?**

- i. The service is not a low-cost procedure because it is an addition to costs and the trademark owners already have protected their trademarks according to the provision of laws.
- ii. To challenge an infringing name there are already provisions under the UDRP and other legal provisions.

- **What were the challenges, if any, in terms of using the URS?**

Not applicable.

- **Are translation and language elements of the notification processes effective?**

Yes, the translation and language elements of the notification process are effective.

- **What might make the URS more effective?**

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The remedy provided under the URS is limited only to suspension of the domain name. In order to make the URS more effective, the transfer of domain names to the right holders should be enabled.

Registry-specific RPMs

- **Did you make use of other registry-specific RPMs, such as the Domains Protected Marks Lists (DPMLs) offered individually by some registry operators such as Donuts and Rightside? Please identify which.**

No, we haven't made use of any other registry-specific RPMs, such as Domains Protected Marks Lists (DPMLs) offered individually by some registry operators.

- **What were the advantages of these registry-specific RPMs?**

Not applicable, as we have not used these services.

- **What were the challenges, if any, in using any of these registry-specific RPMs?**

Not applicable, as we have not used these services.

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