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Registry/Registrar Meeting

Policy Update

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Protection of Red Cross and IOC Names

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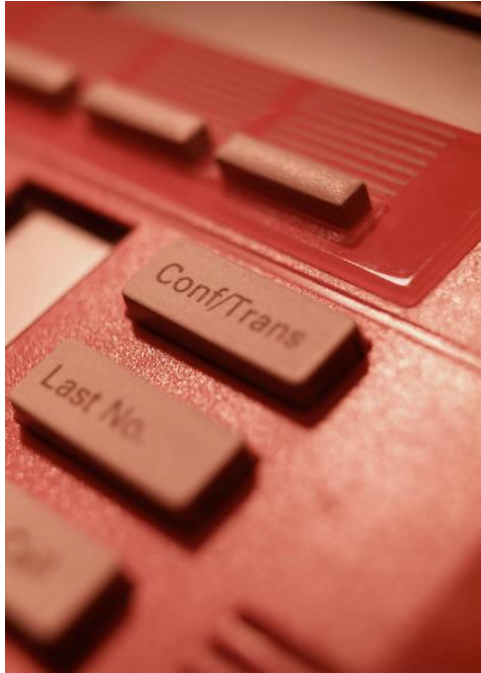
- GNSO Council approved the IOC/RC DT's recommendations to protect the Red Cross/IOC names at the top level of new gTLDs
<http://gnso.icann.org/resolutions#20120326-1>
- ICANN Board's New GTLD Committee declined to adopt the GNSO recommendations at this time
 - The Board stated that although the substantive “recommendations of the GNSO are well taken,” it had concerns about timing

Recent Developments & Next Steps

- GNSO Council requested an Issue Report on **protection of international organization names and acronyms at the top and second level for all new gTLDs** in response to GAC/Board request
- GNSO Council currently considering whether the IOC/RC DT should continue evaluating special protections for the RC/IOC names at the 2nd level
- Preliminary Issue Report to be published prior to Prague
 - Consider submitting comments in Public Comment Forum

Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP)

Why is it important?



- 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 - Status Update



- Following adoption by the Board, most of the IRTP Part B Recommendations are in the process of being implemented. Majority will come into effect on 1 June 2012 - incl. TEAC)
- Board adopted recommendation on new provision on how to lock / unlock domain names in Costa Rica
- Last remaining recommendation on standardizing and clarifying Whois status messages concerning Registrar Lock has just been adopted by the ICANN Board

IRTP Part C PDP Working Group

IRTP Part C to address three issues:

- a) "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 that can be used as a best practice for the gTLD space, and any associated security concerns
- b) Whether provisions on time-limiting Form Of Authorization (FOA)s should be implemented to avoid fraudulent transfers out.
- c) Whether the process could be streamlined by a requirement that registries use IANA IDs for registrars rather than proprietary IDs

IRTP Part C PDP Working Group

- WG conducted data gathering survey (thank you for participation!) - 100 responses received
- WG expected to publish Initial Report, including proposed recommendations to address charter questions around ICANN meeting in Prague
- Public session planned to obtain community input, in addition to public comment forum



Background Information



- IRTP Part B PDP Final Report - <http://gnso.icann.org/issues/transfers/irtp-b-final-report-30may11-en.pdf>
- IRTP Part C Final Issue Report - <http://gnso.icann.org/issues/issue-report-irtp-c-29aug11-en.pdf>
- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy - <http://www.icann.org/en/transfers/>

Locking of a Domain Name Subject to UDRP Proceedings PDP

Why is it important?



- Following the recommendation of the IRTP Part B WG and the Issue Report on the UDRP, the GNSO Council initiated a PDP limited to the subject of locking of a domain name subject to UDRP Proceedings
- Currently there is no requirement to lock names in period between filing complaint and commencement of proceedings and no definition of ‘status quo’

Charter Questions

- Whether the creation of an outline of a proposed procedure, which a complainant must follow in order for a registrar to place a domain name on registrar lock, would be desirable.
- Whether the creation of an outline of the steps of the process that a registrar can reasonably expect to take place during a UDRP dispute would be desirable.
- Whether the time frame by which a registrar must lock a domain after a UDRP has been filed should be standardized.
- Whether what constitutes a “locked” domain name should be defined.
- Whether, once a domain name is 'locked' pursuant to a UDRP proceeding, the registrant information for that domain name may be changed or modified.
- Whether additional safeguards should be created for the protection of registrants in cases where the domain name is locked subject to a UDRP proceeding.

Recent Developments & Next Steps



- A WG was formed and has started its deliberations
- One of the first tasks of the WG is to obtain public input ‘in order to have a clear understanding of the exact nature and scope of issues encountered with the locking of a domain name subject to UDRP Proceedings’
- WG expects to open a public comment forum, organize a public session in Prague and request specific input from GNSO Stakeholders

Further Information



- <https://community.icann.org/display/gnsolockdomainnamedt/Home>

Fake Renewal Notices

Why is it important?



- Fake renewal notices are misleading correspondence sent to registrants from an individual or organization claiming to be or to represent the current registrar
- Registration Abuse Policies WG recommended initiation of PDP on fake renewal notices
- Council decided to obtain further information on this issue to help inform its deliberations on whether or not to initiate a PDP

Recent Developments



- Drafting team formed to prepare a request for information on fake renewal notices from the Registrar Stakeholder Group and report back accordingly
- DT conducted a survey to obtain input from registrars
- Nineteen registrars responded to the survey, representing approximately 50% of all gTLD registrations under management
- Responses were split with registrars either viewing this as a serious problem or not a problem at all

Potential Next Steps recommended by DT

- Options that the GNSO Council may wish to consider as potential next steps:
 - Add a section to the RAA that addresses Business Practices
 - Add the issue to the current or one of the upcoming Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) PDPs
 - Add this issue to the upcoming PDP on the RAA

Potential Next Steps recommended by DT

- Refer the issue to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) to encourage better education and awareness of this type of abuse amongst the end-user community
- Raise this issue with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in the United States to see if the registrar is in compliance with relevant law
- Initiate a Policy Development Process on Fake Renewal Notices
- Do not proceed with any action at this time

Next Steps

- Council decided to put report incl. potential next steps out for public comment (see <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/fake-renewal-notices-report-21mar12-en.htm>)
- Reply period open until 11 May
- Council to decide how to proceed

Further Information



- Fake Renewal Notices Drafting Team Report -
<http://gns0.icann.org/issues/frn/fake-renewal-notices-report-06mar12-en.pdf>
- Public comment forum -
<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/fake-renewal-notices-report-21mar12-en.htm>

WHOIS Update

Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA)

*Status of Negotiations
& GNSO Policy Work*

Two Projects- Parallel Tracks

Bilateral Negotiations

Currently Underway

- Community Wiki to provide updates
 - Continuing to receive updated recommendations by LE community
- Progress to be Reported Prior to Prague

Issue Report Request

Board Requested GNSO PDP on “Remaining Issues”

- Final Issue Report (Published Prior to Costa Rica):
- Commencement of PDP to take place after Negotiations conclude

Staff Recommendations-Issue Report

- GNSO Council to initiate a PDP upon
 - Report that the RAA negotiations have concluded
 - Report that any of the Proposed Amendment Topics are no longer actively being negotiated
 - Board instruction to proceed with a PDP on any of the Proposed Amendment Topics

For More Information:

- Final Issue Report:

<https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/30344497/Final+Issue+Report-RAA+FINAL+3+6+12.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1331143682837>

- RAA Status Report:

<http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-01mar12-en.htm>

- For further developments, visit the Community WIKI on the RAA:

<https://community.icann.org/display/RAA/Negotiations+Between+ICANN+and+Registrars+to+Amend+the+Registrar+Accreditation+Agreement>

Questions

Thank you