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Procedure for Addressing Proposed Registry-Registrar Agreement Amendments

ICANN has developed the following process for approval of amendments to Registry-Registrar Agreements (RRAs) where the registry is required to obtain ICANN approval of such amendments. The purpose of this process is to ensure registrar input before ICANN approves changes to an RRA. This procedure shall apply only to amendments requested after an RRA was formally approved by ICANN and will not be initiated until the registry has provided ICANN with the proposed amendment as described below.

RRA Amendment Review and Approval Process:

- The registry requesting amendment to its RRA must provide ICANN with a copy of its proposed RRA that indicates all changes in redline.
- ICANN will forward the redline document to the Registrar Constituency for comment while undertaking an internal review of the proposed changes. The length of the registrars' comment period may vary depending on the complexity of the proposed changes or other circumstances, but will ordinarily not be longer than twenty-one (21) days.
- At the close of the registrar comment period, ICANN will consult with the applicable registry and the Registrar Constituency to address any expressed objections.
- If the consultations result in additional revision to the RRA, ICANN will submit the revised document to the Registrar Constituency and open an additional comment period, which will normally not exceed fifteen (15) days.
- Upon conclusion of any second comment period, ICANN will attempt to resolve any remaining issues through consultation with the registrars and the registry.
- Following the second consultation (or following the first consultation if no second comment period was initiated) ICANN will approve or reject the proposed changes. Some changes may require approval by ICANN's Board of Directors, following ICANN's normal procedure for a Board vote on a registry agreement change.