

28 June 2021

RE: WHOIS Conflicts Procedure

Philippe Fouquart, Chair Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

Dear Philippe,

I am writing to provide another update in accordance with our <u>letter</u> of 10 March 2021 on the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council's request to ICANN org on the <u>Revised</u> ICANN Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law.

The 21 October 2020 motion referenced in your <u>correspondence</u> of 9 November 2020 requests that ICANN organization work in consultation with contracted parties to draft a proposal for a modification to the aforementioned procedure, based on all of the parties past experience with both this procedure and the ICANN <u>Process</u> for Handling Registrar Data Retention Waiver Requests.

In accordance with this request, ICANN org has convened a group of volunteers from both the Registries and Registrars Stakeholder Groups to work with ICANN org on this topic. The group has begun discussions with ICANN org regarding the appropriate next steps for this effort. ICANN org will provide you with another update on progress by September 2021.

Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

Best regards,

Theresa Swinehart

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