



Less is more? Changes to the Danish Domain Name Act

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DIFO

DIFO is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 as an association of representatives of the Danish Internet community

Private users

Professional users

Providers

DIFO is the sole owner of the registry DK Hostmaster A/S



DK Hostmaster

Private company founded in 1999

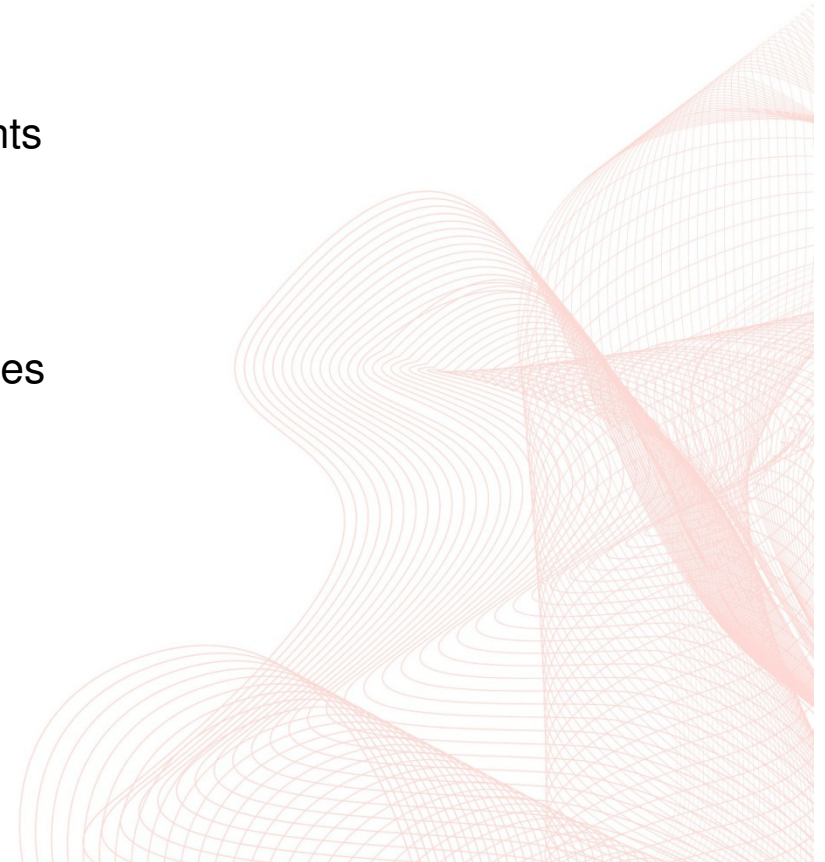
Is a cost-neutral enterprise

Sole registry – we have the contact with the registrants

More than 515,000 unique customers

.dk has more than 1.200.000 registered domain names

Everyone can buy a .dk domain name

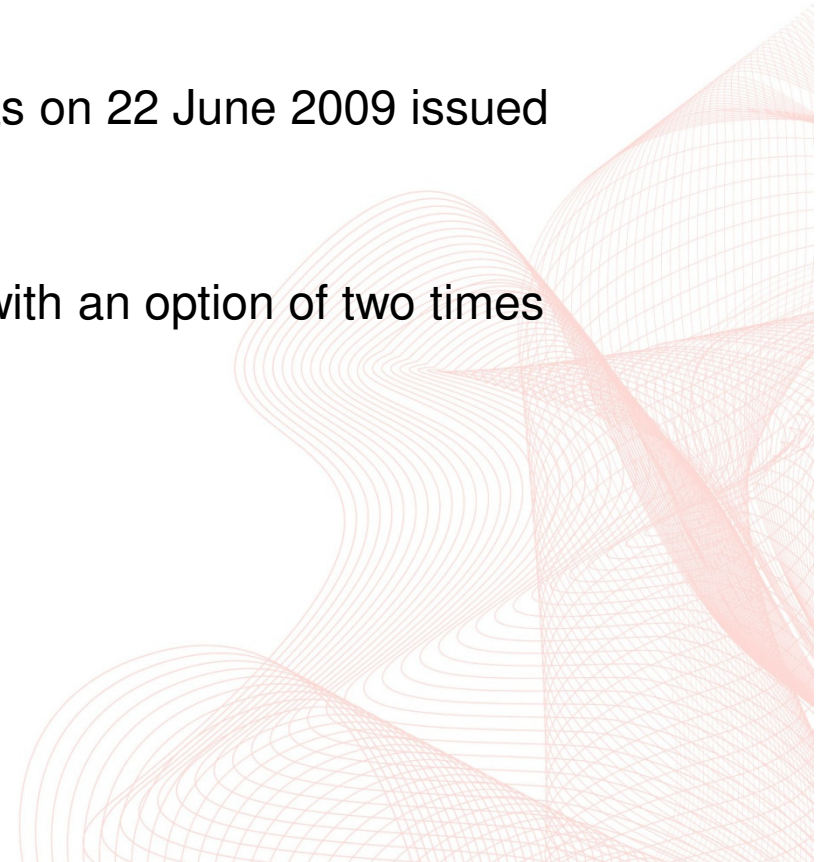


The administration of .dk

Under the Danish Domain Name Act, administration of the .dk TLD is to be put out to public tender.

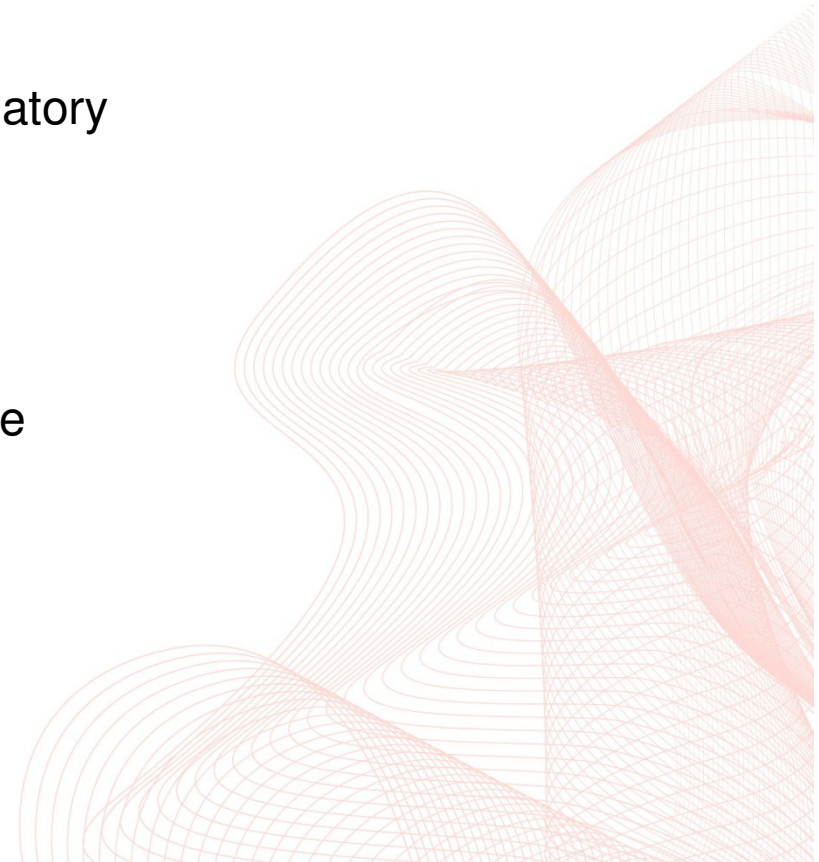
The authorization to administer the .dk TLD was on 22 June 2009 issued to DIFO.

The authorization runs for a period of 6 years with an option of two times two years extension.



The main principles of the Act

- The registry has to be non-profit
- Transparent, accountable and non-discriminatory administration
- Self-regulation
- The registry has to pay for the Domain Name Complaint board



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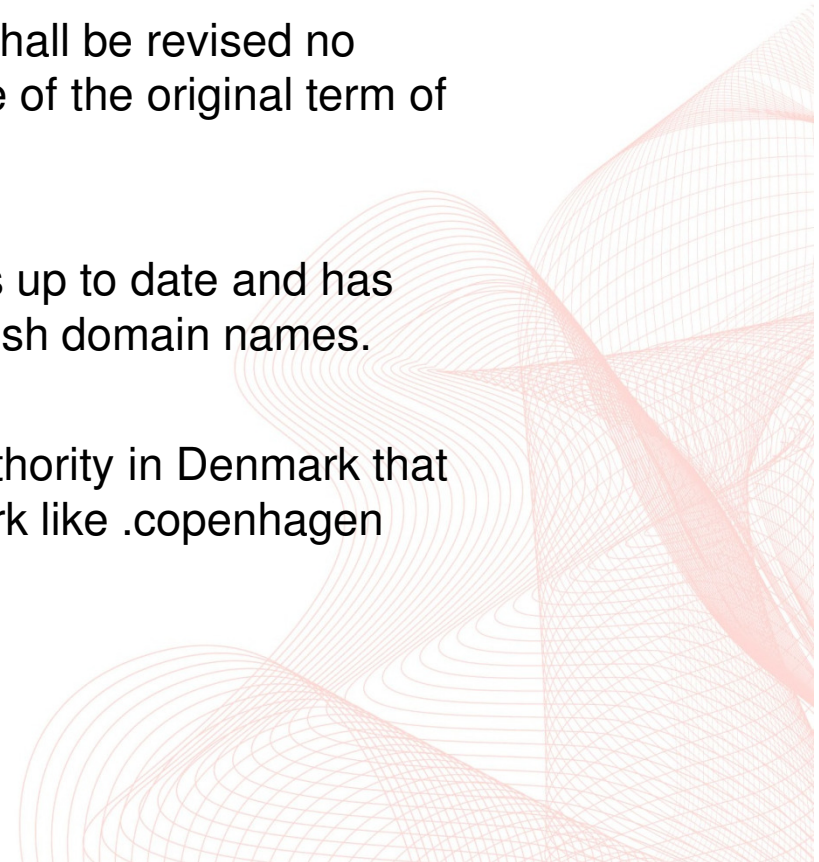
The Danish Domain Name Act entered into force on 1 July 2005.

According to the explanatory notes, the Act shall be revised no later than 22 June 2014 (1 year before the elapse of the original term of the authorization issued to DIFO).

The aim of the revision is to ensure that the Act is up to date and has the desired effect upon the administration of Danish domain names.

Another reason for revision is, that there is no authority in Denmark that can decide on a new TLD with relation to Denmark like .copenhagen

The new Act will only comply to new tenders.



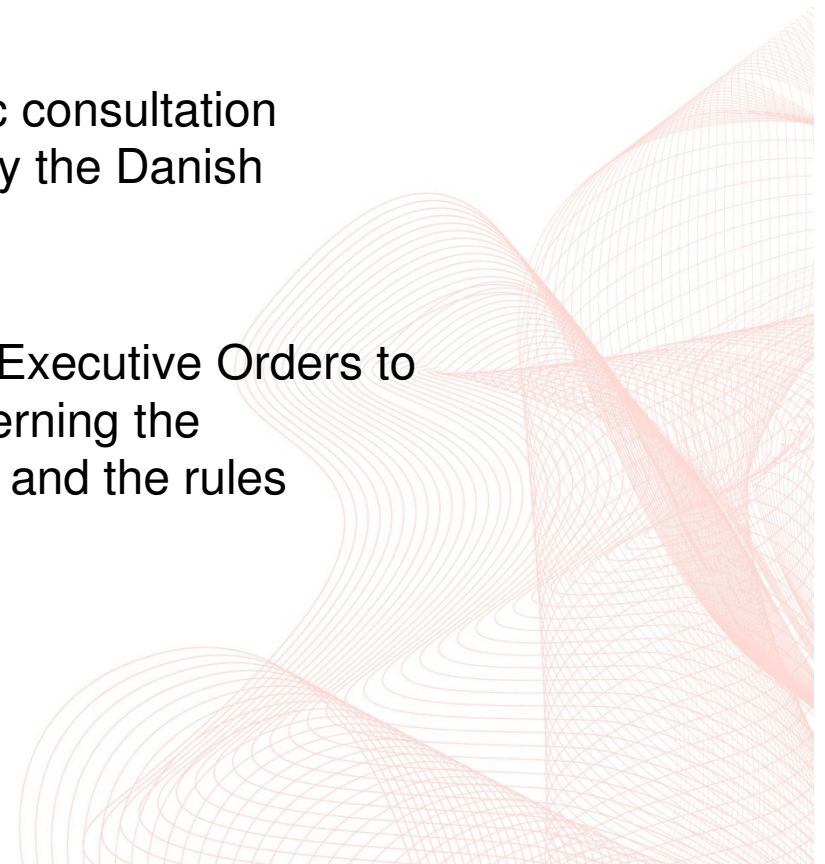
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The Danish Business Authority has initiated the revision of the Domain Name Act.

The revised Act is expected to be sent in public consultation May/June 2013 with the aim of being passed by the Danish Parliament end 2013/early 2014.

One major change will be an increased use of Executive Orders to specify regulation (e.g. the new regulation governing the introduction of new gTLD's related to Denmark and the rules governing the public tender).

Q: Will this imply less regulation?



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A: Probably not!

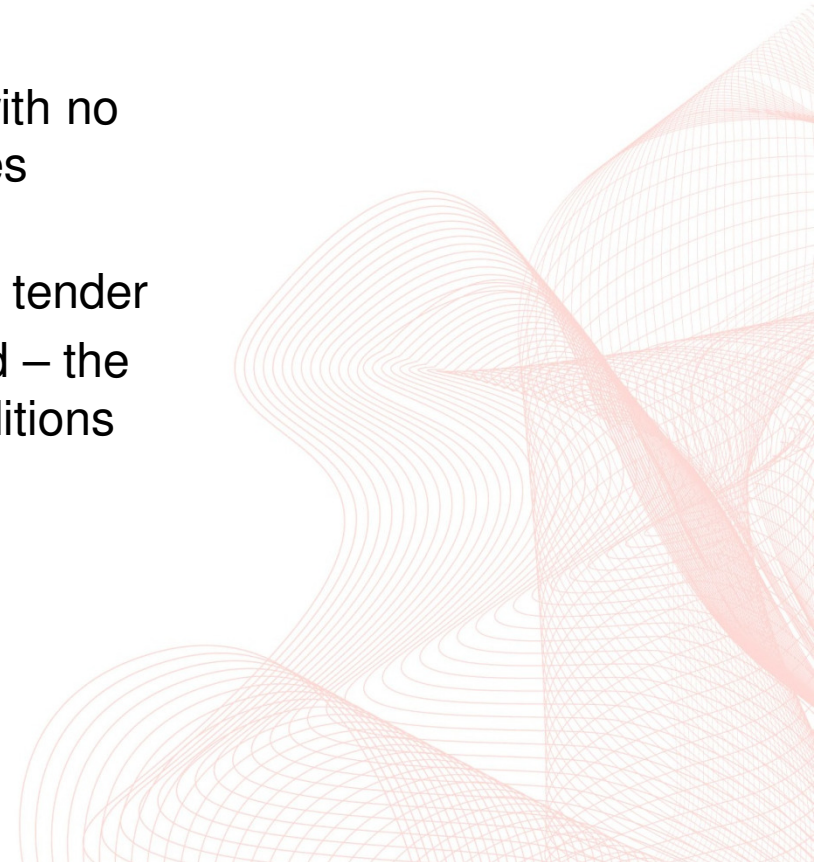
Moreover the use of Executive Orders may increase the uncertainty of the regulation governing e.g. the public tender etc.



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Status quo is expected as for the following principles:

- Warehousing banned by law
- Registry shall be a non-profit organization with no possibility to carry out other activities besides administration of .dk
- The administration is to be put out for public tender
- The principle of self-regulation is unchanged – the registry may issue General Terms and Conditions for registering domain names under .dk



Thank you for listening!

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