

FAQ on the Request for Information (RFI) document about Domain Name Tasting and the Add Grace Period (AGP).

Question 1

This section is designed to help quantify what groups that a responding party represents with their submission. Please check all that apply to you or the organization you are filing on behalf of.

Question 2

Using the same group of categories from question 1 above, in your opinion, please identify which of these are benefiting from domain tasting, and explain how each category of user benefits from it.

Question 3

Using the same group of categories from question 1 above, please identify which of these are disadvantaged by domain tasting, and explain how each category of user is disadvantaged.

Question 4

If you believe that domain tasting has an impact on internet security or undermines internet stability, please indicate yes or no, and then quantify exactly how the stability or security of the internet is impacted.

Question 5

This question really applies to those that actually participate in the registration and deletion of a domain name within the 5 day grace period for refund.

Here is an example of the meaning of this question. If you, as a registrant made a typographical error in registering a domain name, did you contact your registrar to seek a correction, and they subsequently deleted the domain for credit within the add grace period?

If you have a response here, it would be “yes” or “no,” and if yes, please indicate how many times and under what circumstances the names were deleted (chargeback as a registrar, typo of desired name, wrong tld, etc). How many times did this occur related to typographical error on behalf of yourself or the registrant in the example above?

If you did add/delete a domain name or a group of domain names, please explain the reason for this activity and basis for the deletion.

Question 6

In this question, identify if you have or have not been disadvantaged in some way by domain tasting. If you have, please provide a description of the way that it created disadvantage.

Questions 7-10

Between questions 6 and 7 are some examples that have been suggested by ICANN staff and others to potentially address the practice of domain tasting. The response to question 7 is an opportunity to identify any additional suggestions to address the practice of domain tasting, as well as identify how the suggestions are or are not compatible with current business rules. Please label each new suggestion continuing in the alphabet from D as you respond if you are providing more than one suggestion.

The answers to questions 8-10 will reference these letters, and it will help reduce confusion on behalf of the reviewers if you can then use the letter of the specific suggestion you're commenting on in those responses.

Question 8

For each of the different suggestions (A-C) or others that you might identify (D, etc.), comment on which of the groups from question 1 are disadvantaged, identifying them using the example below so that the reviewers can quantify the responses.

An example response (but please choose your own or one that suits your response) could be that if you believed that the suggestion (B) making the ICANN fee apply to names deleted during the AGP would adversely impact (1d) registrars and (1h) registrant representatives, but positively impact (1c) intellectual property rights owner and (1g) intellectual property rights owner representatives.

Question 9

Please respond in a similar manner to the instructions in question 8 about the suggestions and to which groups that might see some benefit from them.

Question 10

Use this response to identify which of the suggestions (or any that you might make) should be implemented or not implemented, and why.

Question 11

If domain registrations were offered at no cost to the registrant, would this effectively permit domain tasting?

Question 12

Should ICANN prohibit domain registrations at no cost to the registrant?

Question 13

Do you think that there should be a minimum fee imposed by ICANN, that must be charged on domain registrations? If you think a minimum fee should be imposed, what should that fee be?

Question 14

Many of the areas in the RFI are fairly subjective, so this is a particular opportunity to provide statistical information to support any of your previous answers. Please provide sources (source data and origin wherever possible) and indicate formulas or rounding used in illustrating statistics so that the data can be verified as accurate.

Question 15

Use this area to identify experts who could add more information on the issues raised, along with their contact information and why they should be contacted about this matter.

Question 16

This is somewhat free form, an opportunity to comment in general on the RFI or provide information not otherwise covered in the questions above. Please, out of respect for the reviewers of the responses, keep it brief and related to the subject matter of the add grace period.