

Policy Development Process (PDP) Update

Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs (PDP)

February 2017

Upcoming important dates

The Working Group (WG) is currently conducting a review of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH), following completion of its initial review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP). Upon completion of this initial TMCH review, the Working Group will move on to review the Sunrise and Trademark Claims processes that are offered through the TMCH, followed by the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure. Collectively, these rights protection mechanisms (RPMs) are being reviewed in Phase One of this two-phased PDP, being those RPMs developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program. The WG expects to be in Phase One mode through 2017.

Summary

The RPMs being reviewed in this PDP refer to those policies and processes aimed at combatting cyber-squatting and that were developed to provide workable mechanisms for trademark owners to either prevent or remedy certain illegitimate uses of their trademarks at the second level of generic top level domains (gTLDs). The most well-known of these RPMs is the *Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy* (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. A number of additional RPMs were developed subsequently to supplement the UDRP as part of the 2012 New gTLD Program: the TMCH and the associated the Sunrise and Trademark Claims services, the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure (URS), and the TM-PDDRP.

The GNSO Council chartered this WG to conduct the PDP in two phases. The first focuses on the review of all RPMs that have been developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program, and the second phase addresses the review of the UDRP.

Engagement Opportunity Status



Anyone may join the WG either as a full member or a mailing list observer. The WG has emphasized the need for data and input (e.g. from the TMCH and the various dispute resolution service providers) and has been reviewing a number of informational sources (e.g. past community comments and the ongoing TMCH Independent Review). It welcomes participation by the GAC in its work.

Additional Information

- PDP Charter: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/rpm-charter-26feb16-en.pdf>
- WG wiki space (containing all background material, meeting transcripts and draft documents of the WG): <https://community.icann.org/x/wCWAaw>