

GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE

Locking of a Domain Name subject to UDRP Proceedings

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: Implementation effective date (The modified UDRP Rules will take effect 31 July 2015).

SUMMARY

The GNSO Council initiated a policy development process (PDP) to address the limited issues associated with the locking of a domain name subject to Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) proceedings. Currently there is no requirement to lock names during the period between filing a complaint and the commencement of proceedings, and no definition of 'status quo' (a term used in the UDRP), which has resulted in different interpretations and confusion. The Working Group was tasked to make recommendations to the GNSO Council to address the issues identified with the locking of a domain name subject to UDRP Proceedings. The WG submitted its [Final Report](#) containing seventeen full consensus recommendations to the GNSO Council on 5 July 2013. These recommendations are expected to usefully clarify and standardize how a domain name is locked and unlocked during the course of a UDRP Proceeding for all parties involved. The GNSO Council unanimously adopted the Final Report and its recommendations at its meeting on 1 August. The recommendations were posted for public comment prior to being considered for adoption by the ICANN Board (see <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/locking-domain-name-recommendations-02aug13-en.htm>). One comment was received in support of the recommendations. The Board adopted the recommendations at its meeting on 28 September 2013.

GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS



Following review of the public comments received on the proposed implementation (see <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/udrp-rules-proposed-2014-05-19-en>), Staff has worked with the IRT to finalize the proposed implementation language. The final implementation language and effective date (31 July 2015) have been communicated to the affected parties (see <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2014-11-17-en>).

FINAL REPORT

<http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/locking/domain-name-final-05jul13-en.pdf>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/locking-domain-name-wg.htm>