

Enforcement of Domain Name System (DNS) Abuse Mitigation Requirements - The First Six Months

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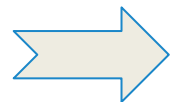
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From 5 April 2024 through 5 October 2024, ICANN Contractual Compliance:

- Initiated 192 investigations with contracted parties (CPs) under DNS Abuse requirements.
- Issued a formal [Notice of Breach](#) to a registry operator and a formal [Notice of Breach](#) to a registrar for failing to comply with DNS Abuse mitigation requirements.
- Resolved 154 investigations with CPs under DNS Abuse requirements resulting in the suspension of over 2,700 malicious domain names and the disabling of over 350 websites.
- Participated in multiple discussions to raise awareness of DNS Abuse mitigation requirements.
- Prepared an audit to validate registry operators' compliance with RA requirements, including DNS Abuse.
- Began publishing monthly [reports](#) detailing the number of reported instances of phishing, malware, botnets, pharming, and spam (vector) as well as how these were addressed.

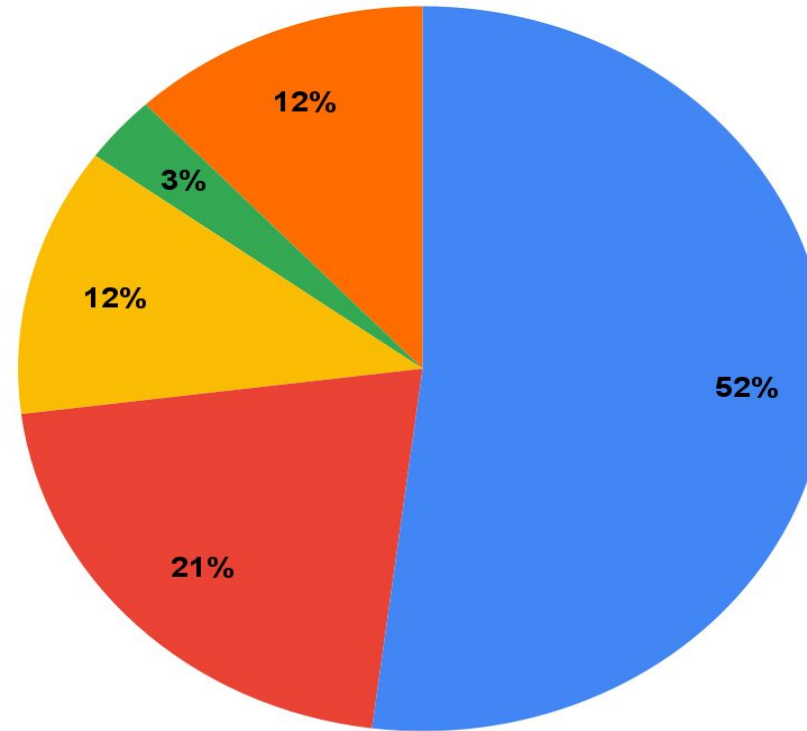


A [report](#) on the first six months of enforcement was published on 8 November 2024.

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Grounds for Closing Compliance Investigations Against Registrars - DNS Abuse (Cases Resolved: 151)

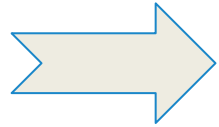
- The registrar took action to stop the DNS abuse by suspending the domain name.
- The registrar did not find actionable evidence of the DNS abuse.
- The registrar took action to disrupt the DNS abuse.
- The registrar took other action to stop the DNS abuse (e.g., DNS redirection/sinkholing).
- All others



Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

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- **Registry operators:** Three DNS Abuse-related investigations were resolved with Registry Operators. In all of them, the relevant Registry took action to contribute to stopping the DNS Abuse by suspending the domain names.
- A fourth resolved case that was limited to the display of DNS Abuse contact was also resolved during the reporting period as the relevant Registry Operator remediated the issue.



Additional DNS Abuse-related cases involving hundreds of domain names are ongoing (including those addressed through the Notices of Breach) or were closed after 5 October 2024, and are, therefore, not part of the mitigation count in this update but will be included in future reports.



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