

15 December 2020

RE: Proposed Extension of 2013 RAA Specification on Privacy and Proxy Registrations Expiration Date

Ms. Ashley Heineman
Chair, Registrar Stakeholder Group

Dear Ashley:

As you know, the 2013 RAA's specification on privacy and proxy registrations ("Specification") is set to expire on 31 January 2021.

The ICANN Organization seeks agreement from the registrar Working Group (as defined in the 2013 RAA) to extend the expiration date of this Specification to 31 July 2022 or the effective date of superseding Privacy and Proxy Service Provider Accreditation Program ("Accreditation Program") requirements, whichever is earlier.

ICANN org proposes this extension recognizing that the implementation of the Accreditation Program is currently on hold, pending the completion of the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 27 work and direction of the GNSO Council. The implementation of this Accreditation Program should be harmonized with the EPDP recommendations to best meet the needs of the community and to ensure compliance with applicable data protection laws. By extending the expiration date of the Specification, ICANN org and ICANN-accredited registrars not only keep existing protections for registrants and those with legitimate data access needs in place, but also demonstrate the importance of Privacy/Proxy-related issues and continued good-faith efforts to work through these issues.

I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal at your earliest convenience. Please notify ICANN org of the Working Group's determination no later than 10 January 2021.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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