



Date: 07 December 2018

ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .spiegel

On 14 September 2018, SPIEGEL-Verlag Rudolf Augstein GmbH & Co. KG [notified ICANN](#) of its intent to terminate the .spiegel Registry Agreement entered into on 05 February 2014. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN consulted with SPIEGEL-Verlag Rudolf Augstein GmbH & Co. KG to assess whether to transition operation of the .spiegel top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 08 October 2018, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .spiegel TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

1. .spiegel qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 07 November 2018, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN will proceed to terminate the .spiegel Registry Agreement by 13 March 2019.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN may not delegate the TLD to a successor registry operator for a period of two years without Registry Operator's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

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