Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) Request

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Request Details
Case Number: 00874737

This service request should be used to submit a Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request. An RSEP is required to add, modify or remove Registry Services for a TLD. More information about the process is available at https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rsep-2014-02-19-en

Complete the information requested below. All answers marked with a red asterisk are required. Click the Save button to save your work and click the Submit button to submit to ICANN.

PROPOSED SERVICE

1. Name of Proposed Service

Removal of post-registration Registrant eligibility verification process. This is neither a Service, nor the proposed offering of an Additional Service, as defined in the RA. Dominion Registries reiterates its prior objection to ICANN's request for an RSEP relating to the proposed elimination of this internal post-registration mechanism because the request for an RSEP under these circumstances has no valid contractual basis. This objection is incorporated into all of Dominion Registries' responses herein, and Dominion Registries reserves all rights and claims concerning ICANN's improper requirement for an RSEP.

2. Technical description of Proposed Service. If additional information needs to be considered, attach one PDF file

Dominion Registries is modifying the Registration Policy to make additional names available for registration by removing Registrant eligibility criteria. Currently, after registration, registered

domains are put on server-hold until the registrant eligibility criteria is verified during the post-registration verification process which occurs during the Add Grace Period. Once the registrant eligibility criteria is verified, the server-hold status is removed and the domain resolves successfully. As part of proposed change, the registrant eligibility verification process will be removed during post-registration allowing domains to be resolved immediately.

CONSULTATION

3. Please describe with specificity your consultations with the community, experts and or others. What were the quantity, nature and content of the consultations?

No specific consultations were made with the community or experts.

3a. If the registry is a sponsored TLD, what were the nature and content of these consultations with the sponsored TLD community?

Not a sponsored TLD.

3b. Were consultations with gTLD registrars or the registrar constituency appropriate? Which registrars were consulted? What were the nature and content of the consultation?

Consultation with registrars is not appropriate. The proposed change doesn't impact domain registration process because it involves the removal of an internal post-registration mechanism. Therefore, Registrars will be notified after the proposed change is approved by ICANN.

3c. Were consultations with other constituency groups appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

Not applicable

3d. Were consultations with end users appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

Consultation with end users is not appropriate.

3e. Who would endorse the introduction of this service? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

Not applicable

3f. Who would object the introduction of this service? What were (or would be) the nature and content of these consultations?

Not applicable

TIMELINE

4. Please describe the timeline for implementation of the proposed new registry service.

The change will be applicable 30 days after ICANN approval and notifications to registrars as defined in RRA.

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

5. Describe how the Proposed Service will be offered.

Currently, after registration, registered domains are put on server-hold until the registrant eligibility criteria is verified post-registration. Once the registrant eligibility criteria is verified during AGP, the server-hold status is removed and domain resolves successfully. As part of proposed change, the post-registration registrant eligibility verification process will be removed allowing domains to be resolved immediately.

6. Describe quality assurance plan or testing of Proposed Service.

Because there is no change to the registration workflow, no testing is needed.

7. Please list any relevant RFCs or White Papers on the proposed service and explain how those papers are relevant.

None

CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

8. List the relevant contractual provisions impacted by the Proposed Service.

No contractual provisions and/or specifications of Registry Agreement (RA) will be impacted.

9. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the reporting of data to ICANN.

The proposed service will have no impact on the reporting of data to ICANN.

10. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the Whois?

The proposed service will have no impact on Whois.

11. What effect, if any, will the proposed service have on the price of a domain name registration?

The proposed service will have no impact on price of a domain name registration.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

12. Please describe or provide the necessary contractual amendments for the proposed service

No contractual amendments required in Registry Agreement (RA).

BENEFITS OF PROPOSED SERVICE

13. Describe the benefits of the Proposed Service.

Once the proposed change is implemented, registrants will have more choices for domain registration as additional .BOATS domain names will be available for registration.

COMPETITION

14. Do you believe your proposed new Registry Service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.

The proposed change will have no negative effects on competition. On the contrary, we believe that this change will better enable registrars to differentiate their services and compete more effectively, and give end users more choices for domain registration.

15. How would you define the markets in which your proposed Registry Service would compete?

The removal of the post-registration verification process does not change the market in which we participate.

16. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to your proposed Registry Service?

Not applicable

17. In view of your status as a registry operator, would the introduction of your proposed Registry Service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?

No

18. Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed Registry Service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.

As we are not proposing to add an Additional Registry Service, this is not applicable.

19. Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please describe the communications.

There are no entities with products or services that will be affected.

20. Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please submit them with your application. (ICANN will keep the documents confidential).

No.

SECURITY AND STABILITY

21. Does the proposed service alter the storage and input of Registry Data?

The storage and input of Registry Data are not affected.

22. Please explain how the proposed service will affect the throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems.

There will be no impact on throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems

23. Have technical concerns been raised about the proposed service, and if so, how do you intend to address those concerns?

No technical concerns have been raised because we are not proposing to offer an Additional Registry Service.

OTHER ISSUES

24. Are there any Intellectual Property considerations raised by the Proposed Service?

The .Boats TLD has kept Claims enabled well past the ICANN mandated period of 90 days post Sunrise to protect mark holders. Although not required because the proposed change does not reflect the offering of an Additional Registry Service, Claims will continue to be enabled for a minimum of 90 days after this change is implemented.

25. Does the proposed service contain intellectual property exclusive to your gTLD registry?

No

26. List Disclaimers provided to potential customers regarding the Proposed Service.

No new disclaimers will be provided.

27. Please provide any other relevant information to include with the request.

No other relevant information included.

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Affected TLDs

Current Registry Operator	Top Level Domain	Registry Agreement Date
DERBoats, LLC	boats	2014-12-04