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**Proof of Concepts Reports
Phase 3**

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1. Concept: Procedures for Maintaining Stability and Fairness in Launch of a Sponsored TLD ("sTLD")

1.4. Phase 3 Effectiveness

1.4.1. List the aviation community sectors introduced during Phase 3.

Community sector	Opening date
Airlines and commercial operators	18-Mar-02
Airports	18-Mar-02
Aviation industry associations	18-Mar-02
Civil aviation authorities	18-Mar-02
Air navigation services providers	18-Mar-02
Aerospace	2-May-02
Air freight & logistics companies	2-May-02
Air safety, medical and certification	2-May-02
Aviation distribution systems	2-May-02
Aviation education and research	2-May-02
Aviation media	2-May-02
Government organisations linked to aviation	2-May-02
Pilots	2-May-02
Aerial works	1-Jul-02
Air sports	1-Jul-02
Aviation professionals	1-Jul-02
Aviation suppliers & service providers	1-Jul-02
Business Aircraft Operators	1-Jul-02

1.4.2. Total initial registration volume by week during Phase 3

Week No.	Domains
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	4
9	0
10	19
11	0
12	140
13	81
14	65
15	81
16	41
17	60
18	352
19	168

20	36
21	38
22	23
23	23
24	40
25	13
26	29
27	106
28	91
29	106
30	71
31	721
32	37
33	58
34	34
35	98
36	26
Total	2,561

1.4.3. Total initial Phase 3 registration volume with holder addresses in the regions described below:

Region	Holders
1.4.3.1. Africa;	27
1.4.3.2. Asia Pacific;	177
1.4.3.3. Europe;	1,377
1.4.3.4. Latin America/Caribbean;	63
1.4.3.5. North America.	917
Total	2,561

1.4.4. Total number of ICANN-Accredited Registrars authorized to submit registrations during Phase 3. If any registrar becomes or ceases to be authorized during Phase 3, identify the registrar, provide the date of the change, and state whether it was an authorization or termination of authorization.

Registrars authorised before commencement of Phase 3	4
New authorisations	2
Namebay	April 18, 2002
Enom	August 22, 2002
Ceased to be authorised	0
Registrars authorised before commencement of Phase 3	6

Note: Term "authorised" is assume do mean the same as having received an authorisation from the Sponsor to register domain names in .aero

1.4.5. Total number of domain names registered during Phase 3 under the sponsorship of each authorized ICANN-Accredited Registrar

Registrar	Domains
Nominalia Internet S.L.	27
DOMAIN BANK, Inc.	1,072
TUONOME.IT srl	332
SECURA GmbH	437
SAM NAMEBAY	0

** Domain names registered directly by the Registry Operator or Sponsor*

1.4.6. A summary of the complaints received from authorized ICANN-Accredited Registrars regarding the processing of Phase 3 registrations

Received a complaint that a registrar-hold transaction is not yet available. This has been subsequently corrected.

Received a complaint from the registrar that several domain names do not appear in the zone file. The problem was identified as incorrect configuration of the system (stronger than required verification set in the system) and promptly corrected.

1.4.7. A description of significant technical difficulties encountered during Phase 3

During the Phase 3 the registry and most registrars implemented a new functionality allowing to request Aviation Community Membership IDs (eligibility decision) through a standardised transaction in the registry system. This was the single most important development in the registry and required testing and intensive interaction between the registry and registrars to set the new system working.

Although no particular technical difficulties were encountered on the registry side, it is apparent that introduction of registration restrictions (restricted choice of names and eligibility verification) is a new area for both the registry and registrars and presents registrars with new challenge how to best offer the registration services in a top level domain with relatively complex eligibility and name restriction rules.