

25 July 2023

ICANN Preliminary Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .desi Top-Level Domain

On 1 May 2023, Desi Networks LLC notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .desi Registry Agreement entered into on 14 November 2013. 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, ICANN org consulted with Desi Networks LLC to assess whether to transition operation of the .desi top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN org has made a preliminary determination to seek to transition operation of the .desi TLD to a successor Registry Operator following the [Registry Transition Process](#) with a Request for Proposals. ICANN org's review and determination regarding a transition to a successor Registry Operator are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and are based on various factors, including ICANN org's assessment that searching for a successor to transition the TLD to is in the public interest. ICANN org has confirmed that there are domain name registrations in the .desi TLD that are registered to third-parties.

As steps are taken to terminate the .desi Registry Agreement with Desi Networks LLC, the .desi TLD may be temporarily placed in the Emergency Back-End Registry Operator (EBERO) Program to sustain critical registry functions, and protect the existing registrants and the Domain Name System (DNS).

Before making its final determination, ICANN org will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org. The deadline to submit input is 24 August 2023 23:59 UTC.

If ICANN org's final determination is that the operation of the .desi TLD should be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator, the selection of and transition to a successor Registry Operator will be conducted in conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and the Registry Transition Process. Additional details will be forthcoming following ICANN org's final determination.

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