

19 September 2023

ICANN Final 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.

On 25 July 2023, ICANN org 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 based on the following rationale:

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.

On 24 August 2023, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, one (1) comment was received that expressed interest in acquiring or participating in the Request for Proposals process for the .desi TLD. ICANN org considered the comment in its final determination and published its summary and analysis of the comment received.

ICANN org has made a final determination to seek to transition operation of the .desi TLD to a successor Registry Operator pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and following the [Registry Transition Process](#) with a Request for Proposals. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org will proceed to terminate the .desi Registry Agreement by 28 October 2023. Prior to such termination, 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) while preparations for a search for a successor Registry Operator are made.

Additional information regarding a Request for Proposals process will be shared once available.

Regards,

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