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ICANN Final Determination

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

On 21 June 2023, Emirates Telecommunications Corporation (trading as Etisalat) notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .etisalat Registry Agreement entered into on 03 September 2015. 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 org consulted with Emirates Telecommunications Corporation (trading as Etisalat) to assess whether to transition operation of the .etisalat top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 27 July 2023, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .etisalat TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 26 August 2023, 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 org will proceed to terminate the .etisalat Registry Agreement by 18 December 2023.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org 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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