

14 May 2024

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 17 January 2024, Shaw Cablesystems G.P. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .shaw Registry Agreement entered into on 23 April 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 Shaw Cablesystems G.P. to assess whether to transition operation of the .shaw top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 26 March 2024, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .shaw TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 25 April 2024, 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 .shaw Registry Agreement by 15 July 2024.

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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