

Dear ICANN-Accredited Registrar,

Pursuant to [Section 7.4.3 of the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement](#) (RAA), this notice is to inform you that you are eligible to vote on the proposed global amendment to the RAA (Global Amendment) for the registrar under IANA ID Number: <IANA>. All referenced sections and applicable capitalized terms throughout this letter have the meaning ascribed to them in the RAA.

Please review the details below for important information regarding this upcoming vote.

Proposed Global Amendment: The [proposed Global Amendment](#) to the RAA specifies operational requirements for providing Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) via the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), and to phase out certain obligations to provide RDDS via the WHOIS protocols. The proposed Global Amendment contains the foundational requirement for registrars to comply with the [gTLD RDAP Profile](#) to ensure registries and registrars provide responses via RDAP in a standardized format and consistent with ICANN Consensus Policies.

60-day Voting Period:

- **Open date: Thursday, 19 January 2023, at 17:00 UTC**
- **Close date: Monday, 20 March 2023, at 23:59 UTC**

Invitation to Vote: The registrar primary contact – as specified by the Registrar – will receive an invitation from eBallot, a secure, third-party online voting platform operated by Votenet. The email will be sent from noreply@eballot.com. This email invitation will contain a direct link to an online ballot that will permit the registrar primary contact to vote. The online ballot can be accessed from any smartphone or device that has full browser capabilities.

Registrars will receive one vote per accreditation. If the registrar primary contact's email address is associated with multiple registrars (e.g., a registrar family), the vote will apply to all associated registrars.

Please review and ensure that your registrar primary contact information is current and is the appropriate individual with the authority to cast a vote on behalf of the Registrar(s) prior to the voting period. To review your registrar primary contact information, login to the [Naming Services portal](#), select the respective IANA ID and click on the "IANA ROLES" tab. If any changes are required, please submit a General Inquiry case in the portal.

Voting Options: You will have two options on how to vote:

1. **"Yes"** - voting "yes" means that you **approve** the proposed Global Amendment.
2. **"No"** - voting "no" means that you **do not approve** the proposed Global Amendment.

Approval: In order for the Global Amendment to be approved, it must be submitted to and receive approval from Applicable Registrars and the ICANN Board of Directors. Pursuant to [Section 1.18.1 of the RAA](#), the following threshold is required for this vote to achieve Registrar Approval:

- Approval from the Applicable Registrars accounting for 90% of the total registered domain names under management (TDUM) by the Applicable Registrars. Per the RAA

the TDUM by each Applicable Registrar Family cannot exceed the TDUM of the 5th largest Applicable Registrar Family (measured by number of registered domain names under management) for both the numerator and the denominator. This means the TDUM of the 5th largest Applicable Registrar Family will replace that of the four (4) larger Applicable Registrar Families, and the TDUM will be updated accordingly.

The final calculation for Applicable Registrar voting weight will be based on the most recent Per-Registrar Transactions Report available prior to the conclusion of the voting period.

Resources: Visit the dedicated [2023 Global Amendment webpage](#) for additional information and background on the Global Amendment to the RAA. Periodic updates and final results will be posted to the 2023 Global Amendment webpage. Final voting results will be communicated via email to the registrar primary contact and posted to the 2023 Global Amendment webpage.

Next Steps: As stated above, the voting period will be open for 60 days. Following the voting period, the vote will be tabulated and then verified by Votenet. For the Global Amendment to be approved it must receive Registrar Approval and approval from the ICANN Board of Directors. If approved, the Global Amendment shall be effective and deemed an Approved Amendment to the RAA following a 60-day notice from ICANN to Registrars. If the Global Amendment is not approved, it will go back to the negotiating teams to discuss next steps.

Transparency Notice: ICANN org voting administrator, Votenet, an independent third-party reviewer will have access to voter data. During the 60-day voting period, ICANN org will publish data relating to the progress of the vote including whether a registrar has voted, but ICANN org will not publish data regarding how individual registrars vote except to the extent required by law, the ICANN Documentary Information Disclosure Policy, or other applicable policy.

If you have any questions regarding the voting process, please send an email to registrar@icann.org.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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