

# Redelegations

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- ▶ Assignment of a new operator of a (country code) top-level domain
- ▶ Unlike routine requests to alter the root zone, tested for public interest criteria in addition to the normal processing checks.

# Guiding Documents

- ▶ Domain Name Structure and Delegation (1994)
  - ▶ <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1591.txt>
- ▶ Domain Name Structure and Delegation (1999)
  - ▶ <http://www.icann.org/icp/icp1.htm>
- ▶ The Governmental Advisory Committee Principles for Delegation and Administration of ccTLDs.
  - ▶ <http://www.icann.org/committees/gac/gac-cctldprinciples-23feb00.htm>

# Redelegation Procedure

- ▶ Request for redelegation is sent to IANA
- ▶ IANA performs evaluation
  - ▶ consultations with:
    - ▶ requestor to understand situation, seek additional documentation
    - ▶ current operators to determine consent
    - ▶ local Internet actors to confirm assertions on LIC support
    - ▶ governments to identify support
    - ▶ ICANN staff who have insight into local situation
- ▶ If assessed to proceed, considered by ICANN board
- ▶ Upon approval, implement normally (incl. USDOC, VeriSign)
- ▶ Report published on website

# Criteria for assessing applicant (1 of 2)

## 1. Operational and technical skills

- a. The prospective manager has the requisite skills to operate the TLD appropriately. (ICP-1 §a, RFC 1591 §3.5)
- b. There must be reliable, full-time IP connectivity to the nameservers and electronic mail connectivity to the operators; (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)
- c. The manager must perform its duties in assigning domains and operating nameservers with technical competence (ICP-1 §d; RFC 1591 §3.5)

## 2. Operator in country

- a. The prospective manager supervises and operates the domain name from within the country represented by the TLD; (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)
- b. The prospective administrative contact must reside in the country represented by the TLD. (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)

# Criteria for assessing applicant (2 of 2)

## 3. Equitable treatment

a. The prospective manager must be equitable and fair to all groups encompassed by the TLD that may request domain names (ICP-1 §c; RFC 1591 §3.3)

## 4. Community/Governmental support

a. The prospective manager has the requisite authority to operate the TLD appropriately, with the desire of the government taken very seriously. (ICP-1 §a, GAC Principles)

b. Significantly interested parties in the domain should agree that the prospective manager is the appropriate party to receive the delegation (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.4)

# Other evaluation considerations

- ▶ Transition plan
- ▶ Consent of the current operator
- ▶ Malfeasance by the current operator

# Thank you for your attention!

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