Registries Stakeholder Group

Overview of Public Comments 2023

Update December 2023

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FINAL REPORT FROM THE EPDP ON SPECIFIC CURATIVE RIGHTS PROTECTIONS FOR IGOS

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) notes that this has been a long process and encourages the Board to approve and implement these recommendations and work of the IGO-INGO Final Report as efficiently as possible.

Links: RySG Comment (30 Jan) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (1 March)

ICANN DRAFT FY24-28 OPERATING AND FINANCIAL PLAN AND DRAFT FY24 OPERATING PLAN AND BUDGET

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft FY24-28 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY24 Operating Plan & Budget. We appreciate ICANN's effort to provide comprehensive and detailed documentation in a structured way but remain concerned about the ability of the volunteer community to process the huge amount of information and effectively comment.
The RySG provides overarching comments as well as comments on individual operating initiatives.

Links: RySG Comment (13 Feb) - ICANN org Report of Comments (30 March)

PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING A TOP-LEVEL DOMAIN STRING FOR PRIVATE USE

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) agrees on the importance of determining a top-level domain string for private use and provides comments on the proposed selection procedure and suggests the following changes:
- The process should be executed by ICANN Org, with expert input from IANA (and others as described in the Introduction);
- The criteria should be expanded to include one that takes into account possible impact on future expansion of the root zone; and
- The Public Comment Proceeding must allow for comments about the selected string.

Links: RySG Comment (28 Feb) – ICANN Staff Report on Comments (30 March)

ADDITIONAL SCRIPT-BASED REFERENCE LABEL GENERATION RULES AND RELATED UPDATES

The RySG provided feedback on the questions and made additional comments about implications of changes to an IDN table impacting existing registration and suggested next steps.

Links: RySG Comment (3 March) – ICANN org Report of Comments (14 April)

FINAL IANA NAMING FUNCTION REVIEW BYLAWS CHANGES

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) supports the amendments to Articles 18 and 19 of the ICANN Bylaws and appreciates the IFR Team's receptivity to RySG input to address IFR Team composition issues.

Links: RySG Comment (17 April) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (14 July)

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE NOMCOM2 REVIEW

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Bylaws amendments and documents that are part of the implementation of recommendations from the NomCom2 Review and provided comments consistent with those previously provided by the RySG on the NomCom Report (21 Nov. 2014) and the Final draft Report on the NomCom 2 Review (7 May 2018).

Links: RySG Comment (29 May) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (26 July)

PHASE 1 INITIAL REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONALIZED DOMAIN NAMES EPDP

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) provided feedback on selected recommendations of the Phase 1 Initial Report on the Internationalized Domain Names EPDP.

Links: RySG Comment (19 June) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (10 July)

ISPCP CONSTITUENCY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) appreciates the work of the ISPCP in general, as well as their dedication to transparency, as demonstrated in the Charter's Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest requirements. The RySG encourages all community groups to incorporate clear transparency requirements that are in line with the requirements in the ICANN Bylaws.

Links: RySG Comment (23 June) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (10 July)

PTI / IANA GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Bylaws amendment. The RySG supports the goal to reduce complexity in planning processes and to increase alignment with other existing ICANN planning processes.

Links: RySG Comment (30 June) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (7 August)

3RD QUARTER 2023

AMENDMENTS TO THE BASE GTLD RA AND RAA TO MODIFY DNS ABUSE CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) appreciates and welcomes the opportunity to provide a comment in support of these proposed amendments. Like our colleagues in the Registrar Stakeholder group, whose comment to this process we both support and appreciate, we recognize the significance and importance of these amendments to our agreements with ICANN. We believe they represent a vital step in both our members', and the community's efforts to mitigate and disrupt DNS Abuse.

Links: RySG Comment (13 July) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (31 August)

GNSO GUIDANCE PROCESS APPLICANT SUPPORT GUIDANCE RECOMMENDATION INITIAL REPORT

While the RySG supports all GGP recommendations as written, the comment raised that the report does not give all implementation guidance that ICANN Org will need to structure the Applicant Support Program in a more effective way compared to the 2012 program. Charter questions/tasks were all answered, but whether additional tasks or a vehicle other than a GGP could have delivered a suitable outcome, will be up to the GNSO Council to assess in its continuous management of the policy process. For now, we strongly suggest this item gets into the SubPro IRT agenda sooner rather than later, since this program is in the critical path of subsequent procedures. We also believe that bringing outside expertise to help in the program implementation could increase its likelihood of success, for a definition of success that the GGP established.

Links: RySG Comment (8 September) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (24 September)

CCNSO PROPOSED POLICY FOR A SPECIFIC CCTLD RELATED REVIEW MECHANISM

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) supports the proposed policy for a specific ccTLD related review mechanism and commends the ccNSO and the ccPDP3 working group for their efforts in this respect.

Links: RySG Comment (22 September) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (16 November)

4TH QUARTER 2023

PILOT HOLISTIC REVIEW REVISED DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) provides comments on the Pilot Holistic Review (PHR) Revised Draft Terms of Reference and also reiterates its support for the ATRT3 recommendation for instituting a new holistic review of ICANN, and the Board's decision to initiate a Pilot Holistic Review as a test-bed for the scope and extent of such reviews.

Links: RySG Comment (27 November) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (not yet published)

DRAFT REPORT OF THE ROOT ZONE DNSSEC ALGORITHM ROLLOVER STUDY

Overall, the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) is supportive of the general concept of the DNSSEC Algorithm Rollover to improve the cryptographic algorithm used in the signing of the DNS root zone. While the RySG has confidence in the current algorithm, we also recognize the need to avoid complacency and to adopt a stronger algorithm before it is strictly needed.

Links: RySG Comment (1 December) – ICANN Summary Report of Comments (18 December)

OTHER COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TRANSFER POLICY REVIEW PDP – EARLY INPUT ON GROUP 2 TOPICS

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) provided early input to the GNSO Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process Working Group. The RySG appreciates that the Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group is examining various user scenarios, both as a result of changes due to the Temporary Specification and looking for opportunities to improve the experience of registrants. We look forward to reviewing the details that come from this analysis.

Links: RySG input (17 April)

RYSG FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR CLOSED GENERIC GTLDS

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) shared concerns about the basic definition of a closed generic and noted that this is not a policy development process. While the RySG expects this work could provide important input into a policy development process, it noted that the GNSO PDP must be undertaken if there is to indeed be policy developed on this issue. The RySG comments are based upon the understanding that this is a Board directed process and not a formal policy development process. The feedback includes overarching comments, areas that are unclear and could present broad scope concerns, and practical implementation issues.

Links: RySG input (14 July)

RYSG TAKEAWAYS ICANN PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) shared observations and takeaways of the ICANN Public Meetings to provide quick feedback and highlight issues of importance to the Registries. The points raised are intended as input for the Community to further the work between the ICANN meetings.

ICANN 76 COMMUNITY FORUM

RySG Takeaways ICANN 76 Community Forum, Cancun, 11-16 March

ICANN 77 POLICY FORUM

RySG Takeaways ICANN 77 Policy Forum, Washington DC, 12-15 June

ICANN 78 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RySG Takeaways ICANN 78 Annual General Meeting, Hamburg, 21-26 October