

# Registries Stakeholder Group Statement



## IANA Naming Function Review Bylaws Changes

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Reference url:

<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/iana-naming-function-review-bylaws-changes-18-04-2023>

### Background<sup>2</sup>

As part of the Fundamental Bylaws Amendment Process, ICANN seeks input on a comprehensive package of amendments to Articles 18 and 19 of the ICANN Bylaws, which define ICANN and the community's obligations regarding the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Naming Function Reviews.

There are four types of changes:

1. The removal of a duplication at Article 18, Section 12(a), as identified by the first IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) Team in its Final Report.
2. Updates to the composition of IFR teams to address composition issues identified by the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) in 2019.
3. Clarification of ambiguities on the IFR processes identified through the first IFR after the IANA Stewardship Transition.
4. Updates to the composition of the team exploring an IANA Naming Function Separation Process (Article 19), to conform to composition updates for the IFRs within Article 18.

### Documents

- [Proposed Amendments to Articles 18 and 19 of the ICANN Bylaws \(pdf, 118.06 KB\)](#)

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## Registries Stakeholder Group Comment

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed ICANN Bylaws amendments on the IANA Naming Function Reviews.

As an important customer of the IANA and its Naming Function, the RySG has been tracking this topic since its origins in the Recommendations of the IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) as documented in the [IFR Final Report](#).

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<sup>1</sup> This is a copy of the text submitted via the ICANN Public comment platform.

<sup>2</sup> Background: intended to give a brief context for the comment and to highlight what is most relevant for RO's in the subject document – it is not a summary of the subject document.

We are pleased to state our support for these amendments to Articles 18 and 19 of the ICANN Bylaws. In particular, we appreciate the IFR Team’s receptivity to RySG input to address IFR team composition issues.

We note that the RySG has been a consistent supporter of the output of the IFR and its recommendations:

- In December, 2020 the RySG [expressed](#) its support for the IFR Initial Report; and
- In March, 2021 the RySG [expressed](#) its support for an amendment to the IANA Naming Function Contract, Recommendation 4 in the IFR Final Report.

The RySG also appreciates the care taken by the drafting team. The importance of ICANN Bylaws is hard to overstate. Precision and attention to detail in their language and composition demonstrate our shared respect for these documents and are important investments in the future of the institution.

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*Summary of Submission:*

The RySG supports these 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.