

# Registries Stakeholder Group Statement



## Name Collision Procedure Documentation

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Reference url:

<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/name-collision-procedure-documentation-29-01-2026>

### **Background<sup>1</sup>**

As part of the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round, ICANN is preparing procedures that outline how Name Collision assessments will be carried out for applied-for strings. ICANN org seeks input on the Name Collision Procedure documentation for Initial Assessment, Temporary Delegation, and High-Risk String Mitigation Plan Assessment, including the impact-based classification model for identifying high-risk strings.

### **Documents**

- [Procedure 1 - Name Collision Initial Assessment \(pdf, 101.46 KB\)](#)
- [Procedure 2 - Temporary Delegation \(pdf, 103.25 KB\)](#)
- [Procedure 3 - High Risk Mitigation Plan Evaluation \(PDF, 124.15 KB\)](#)
- [High-risk String Classification Model \(pdf, 121.68 KB\)](#)

### **Related RySG Comments**

- [RySG comment on the Final Proceeding for Proposed Language for the Draft Next Round AGB](#) (see comment on module 6) (July 2025)
- [RySG comment on the Draft NCAP Study 2 Report and Responses to Questions Regarding Name Collision](#) (February 2024)

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## Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) comment

The gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Names Collision Procedure Documentation and provides the following three items as input to ICANN :

- The most important parts of the Name Collision assessment should be conducted before the “Day in the Life of the Internet (DITL)” measurement (the DNS-OARC April event mentioned in the Name Collision Initial Assessment document on p.2). Only additional or supplementary assessments should take place afterward, and their results should be interpreted with caution. This would minimize opportunities for third parties to deliberately influence the assessment.

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<sup>1</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.

- Under procedure 2, Temporary Delegation, a string may remain in the data collection and monitoring phase up to 365 days (point b on page 4). Fees paid for the integration in the TMCH during this period should be waived or deducted from the subsequent TMCH annual fee.
  - If the TRT decides that Temporary Delegation is required for longer than 90 days they should provide an explanation as to why. The document states that “ICANN will provide a public status update on the progress of the Temporary Delegation,” but this is somewhat vague and may not necessarily include an explanation of the underlying concern. If a string remains in Temporary Delegation for a longer period, additional periodic updates should also be provided.
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