

# Registries Stakeholder Group Statement



## Standard Bylaws Amendment – Transition Article on Specific Reviews

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Reference url:

<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/standard-bylaws-amendment-transition-article-on-specific-reviews-11-02-2026>

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

This amendment is a response to the requests to update ICANN’s obligations at Article 4, Section 4.6 of the ICANN Bylaws to initiate Specific Reviews until an updated course of reviews is defined.

The Transition Article is drafted to do achieve several goals:

- It does not alter in any way the current text of Article 4, Section 4.6 of the Bylaws.
- It allows 12 months of progress on the community dialogue before ICANN’s obligation to conduct Specific Reviews is reinstated.
- It defines parameters for how ICANN’s obligations can be paused for additional time if the community dialogue is progressing but not yet completed, with a maximum total pause of 24 months.
- If no updates to the Bylaws result from the current community effort and ICANN’s obligations to conduct Specific Reviews are renewed, it sets a workable schedule for reviews to be restarted in a manner that will not replicate the overlap of reviews that led in part to the issues ICANN currently experiences with reviews.

### **Documents**

- [Proposed Transition Article Regarding Specific Reviews \(pdf, 38.95 KB\)](#)

### **Related RySG comments**

- [RySG input to the Review of Reviews CCG on the Bucket A and B proposals](#) (18 February 2026)

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## Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) comment

The ongoing Review of Reviews initiative is an important effort for the ICANN community and the Multistakeholder model. The gTLD Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) appreciates the work of the Review of Reviews Cross Community Group (CCG), whose updates during ICANN 85 showed that the work is progressing.

The RySG supports the proposed Transition Article To Address Specific Reviews, which pauses Specific Reviews for 12 months and defines the circumstances for a further pause of up to maximum of 24 months.

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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.