Registries Stakeholder Group Statement

String Similarity Review Guidelines

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Reference url:
https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/string-similarity-review-guidelines-07-02-2024

Background[1]

In preparation for the New gTLD Program Next Round ICANN org developed detailed guidelines for conducting the string similarity review, which is conducted by the String Similarity Review Panel. The expanded scope of the review will include variant strings. Feedback is requested on the String Similarity Review Guidelines, with emphasis on the proposed methodology.

Documents for input
- **String Similarity Review Guidelines 19 March 2024 (pdf, 1.56 MB)**
- **String Similarity Review Guidelines (pdf, 1.32 MB)**

Registries Stakeholder Group Comment

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on this issue. The RySG recognizes and thanks the group for their work to update the guidelines for conducting string similarity reviews to include variant strings. The work of the String Similarity Review Panel is an important part of the application review process. The RySG supports maintaining clear and comprehensive guidelines and methodology.

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[1] 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.