Building Block c) *(User Groups[1])*

The EPDP Team recommends that requestors must be able to self-identify at a minimum from one of the following user groups:

   a) Criminal Law enforcement/national or public security
   b) Network operator
   c) Provider of online services
   d) Commercial security service
   e) Non-LE investigator
   f) Internet user
   g) Consumer protection organization
   h) Social Media Companies
   i) Messaging Services
   j) Search Engines
   k) UDRP / URS Provider
   l) Copyright owners, exclusive licensees, their attorneys or agents
   m) Certificate authority
   n) Registered name holder (data subject)
   o) Company interested in acquiring new domain name(s)
   p) Operational security practitioner
   q) Anti-abuse authority
   r) Digital crime investigator

Self-identifying as a certain user group does not provide any kind of automatic access / disclosure, but may facilitate the processing of the SSAD request. Each request, including those from accredited users, will need to meet the requirements as outlined in these policy principles and recommendations to ensure that it concerns a valid and legitimate request.

Comments / concerns / questions to be considered in relation to building block c):
- *Is it up to the EPDP Team to define user groups or is this addressed through accreditation? Or should groups establish their accreditation, and the SSAD must have a process for 'accepting' or verifying such accreditation? In this instance, and at its most basic, all that SSAD would be verifying is 'identity'.*
- *Missing from the current list "Trademarks and URS/UDRP participants", recognizing that the overall list needs further review if it is agreed that user groups should be defined as part of this building block.*
- *Consider adding a disclosure of these specific interests to the registrant as part of the policy recommendation.*

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[1] Charter question a4