

Additional Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) Information Policy Updated Redline Rationale

ICANN org and IRT agreed to develop the Registration Data Consensus Policy for gTLDs using a technology-agnostic design. This is a new approach: other ICANN consensus policies, such as the Additional Whois Information Policy, were not developed using a technology-agnostic design because the WHOIS Data Directory Services (i.e., WHOIS service via port 43 and web-based WHOIS service) were the only Registration Data Directory (RDDS) services available at the time. Considering Recommendation 27 within the EPDP-TempSpec Phase 1 Final Report, ICANN org suggests updating the AWIP policy as shown in the redlined document, which was previously shared with the IRT prior to the public comment period, to separate the requirements that apply to all RDDS services (i.e., RDAP and WHOIS) from those that only pertain to WHOIS services. This follows the same technology-agnostic design of the Registration Data Policy.

ICANN org believes the proposed update to the AWIP policy will help implementers and users of RDAP understand how the AWIP requirements apply to RDAP once the WHOIS services are sunsetted in the future. While the updated posted for public comment (the update to the title of the AWIP policy) makes clear that the policy is intended to apply to RDDS (not just WHOIS Data Directory Services), we believe the additional redlines that ICANN org originally proposed to the IRT would help to clarify this. It's worth mentioning that the Registry Registration Data Directory Services Consistent Labeling and Display Policy posted for public comments was updated following the same technology-agnostic design suggested here for the AWIP policy.