Registration Data Policy - Registry Escrow Of Registrar's Abuse Contact Information

Briefing to Implementation Review Team

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Background

- ICANN org published the Registration Data Policy on 2024-02-21
  - https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registration-data-policy-2024-02-21-en

- Registry Data Policy Section 8.4 covers what Registry Operator **MUST** submit to escrow agent

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  8.4.8   Registrar Abuse Contact Email
  8.4.9   Registrar Abuse Contact Phone
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Registry Escrow Specification

- As required by the Base Registry Agreement, Registry Operators implement the data escrow format specified in RFC 8909 and RFC 9022
  - RFC 8909 specifies the deposit file format
  - RFC 9022 specifies the objects

- Registrar's related information is specified in RFC 9022 section 5.4, **Registrar Object**

Implementation Gap

- The Registry Escrow Specification ([RFC9022](#)) does not have dedicated fields that could satisfy the following escrow requirement from the Registration Data Policy
  - Registration Data Policy section 8.4.8 and section 8.4.9 for Registrar Abuse Contact Email and Registrar Abuse Contact Phone respectively

Proposal - Utilize existing elements

- Under the specification of [RFC 9022](#) [Section 5.4 - Registrar Object,](#) there are two generic contact elements <email> and <voice> that could be used to store Registrar Abuse Contact Email and Registrar Abuse Contact Phone respectively
  - In the case of deposits in CSV format:
    - <csvContact:fEmail>
    - <csvContact:fVoice> and/or <csvContact:fVoiceExt>

- ICANN org proposal is to publish an advisory instructing registry operators to use those two generic data elements for escrowing the Registrar's Abuse Contact information.

Proposal - rationale

- Rationale:
  - There is no need to update or extend the current escrow format.
  - Easier to implement compared to an escrow extension
  - Registry Operators may be using the generic elements to escrow other Registrar's contact information, but this should not be an issue:
    - ICANN org already publishes a public list with generic contact information of the Registrars: https://www.icann.org/en/accredited-registrars
    - Registry Operators and EBERO providers (in their role as RO) already have specialized points of contact within the Registrars.

Next Action

- ICANN org will draft the Advisory
  - Tentative title: **"Advisory: Guidance to Registry Operator regarding escrowing Registrar's Abuse Contact Information"**

- IRT will review the Advisory

- ICANN org will publish the Advisory

- ICANN org will reach out to Registry Operators, Data Escrow Agents and EBERO providers regarding the existence of the Advisory