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INTER-REGISTRAR TRANSFERS POLICY PART A PDP – STATUS UPDATE

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Background – IRTP Part A PDP

- Part A PDP – part of the overall Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy review process
- First in a series of five upcoming PDPs
- Part A addresses the following issues:

Issue I

Whether there could be a way for registrars to make Registrant Email Address data available to one another. Currently there is no way of automating approval from the Registrant, as the Registrant Email Address is not a required field in the registrar Whois. This slows down and/or complicates the process for registrants, especially since the Registrant can overrule the Admin Contact.

Issue II

Whether there is need for other options for electronic authentication (e.g., security token in FOA) due to security concerns on use of email addresses (potential for hacking or spoofing).

Issue III

Whether the policy should incorporate provisions for handling “partial bulk transfers” between registrars – that is, transfers involving a number of names but not the entire group of names held by the losing registrar.



The Working Group

- Working Group started its deliberations on 5 August 2008
- Representatives from the Business, IPC, Registrar and Registry Constituencies and the At-Large Advisory Committee
- Group decided to discuss issues in parallel to public comment period and Constituency statements completion
- Activities to date:
 - Developed Constituency Statement Template (compl. 2 Sept)
 - Launched public comment period (compl. 29 Sept)
 - Constituency Statements submitted (compl. 3 Oct)
 - First draft of Initial Report (compl. 16 Oct)



Draft Initial Report

- Work in progress – Group has first exchange of views on 21 October and will continue its deliberations in the weeks to come
- Report covers input provided by the constituencies as well as overview of the deliberations of the Working Group
- Some of the items covered under:
 - **Issue I – Options for exchange of Registrant E-mail data**
Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP), Internet Registry Information Service (IRIS), Registrant vs. Admin contact approval, Thin vs. Thick registries, Whois, AuthInfo code
 - **Issue II - Need for electronic authentication**
Incidence of hacking / hijacking, additional security measures
 - **Issue III – Need for Partial Bulk Transfer provisions**
Definition / requirements, security considerations



Timetable

Milestone Event	Due Date (Actual / Expected)	Status
PDP Launched	25 June 2008	Completed
Working Group Formed	5 August 2008	In Process
Finalize Constituency Statement Template	2 September 2008	Completed
Launch of Public Comment Period on the Initiation of the PDP	8 September 2008	Completed
Public Comment Period on the Initiation of the PDP complete	29 September 2008	Completed
Constituency Statements to Staff Manager	3 October 2008	Completed
Initial Report Complete	16 October 2008	Completed
Final review of Initial Report by WG*	28 October 2008	Not Started
Start of Public Comment Period	29 October 2008	Not Started
Public Comment Period Complete	9 December 2008	Not Started
Final Report Complete & Submitted to GNSO Chair	19 December 2008	Not Started

