

## Topic A: Consistent Definition and Technical Utilization of RZ-LGR – Continue with Question A3

# Charter Question A3

SubPro PDP recommends that ICANN establish a mechanism that allows specific parties to challenge or appeal certain types of actions or inactions that appear to be inconsistent with the Applicant Guidebook. SubPro PDP recommends that such a limited challenge/appeal mechanism applies to several types of evaluations and formal objections decisions, including the DNS Stability aspect of evaluation/challenge procedures. Previously, both the SSAC and TSG also recommended a challenge process for resolving disagreement with the RZ-LGR calculation on certain strings.

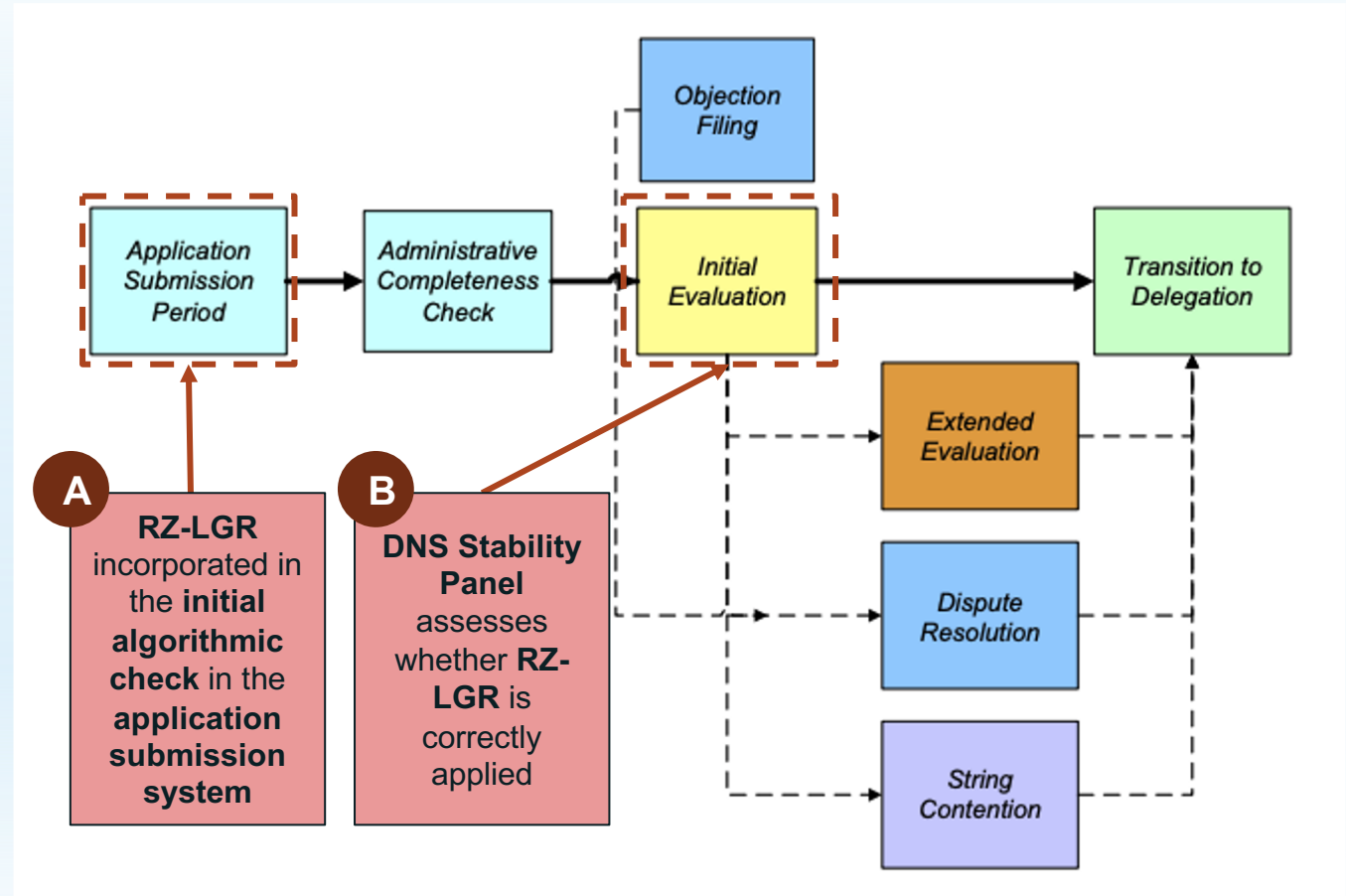
If an applied-for TLD label, whose script is supported by the RZ-LGR, is determined to be “invalid”, is there a reason NOT to use the evaluation challenge processes recommended by SubPro? If so, rationale must be clearly stated. If SubPro’s recommendation on the evaluation challenge process should be used, what are the criteria for filing such a challenge? Should any additional specific implementation guidance be provided, especially pertaining to the challenge to the LGR calculation as it can have a profound, decimating impact on the use of RZ-LGR?

# Possible RZ-LGR Application

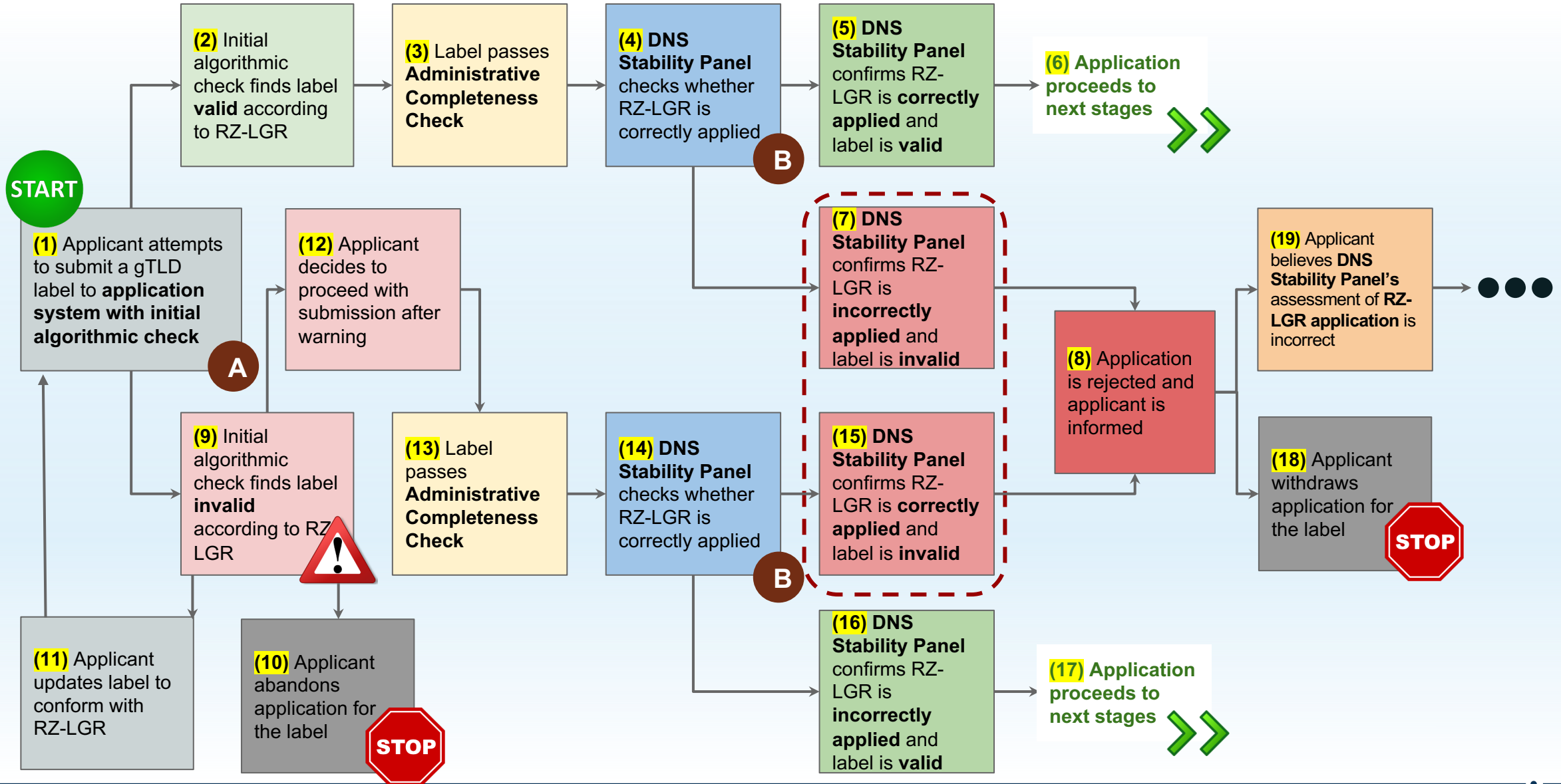
## Possible RZ-LGR Application Based on 2012 Round Process Flow:

### Assumptions:

1. ICANN Board will approve SubPro Recommendations and Implementation Guidance adopted by the GNSO Council
2. Label requirements will be updated to incorporate RZ-LGR validation requirement
3. Label requirements will be built into the application system and the initial algorithmic check will be implemented, consistent with the 2012 round (also see SubPro Implementation Guidance 26.10)
4. DNS Stability Panel is in position to check if RZ-LGR is applied correctly
5. Applicants are well-informed of the background and utility of RZ-LGR (see SubPro Topic 13: Communications)

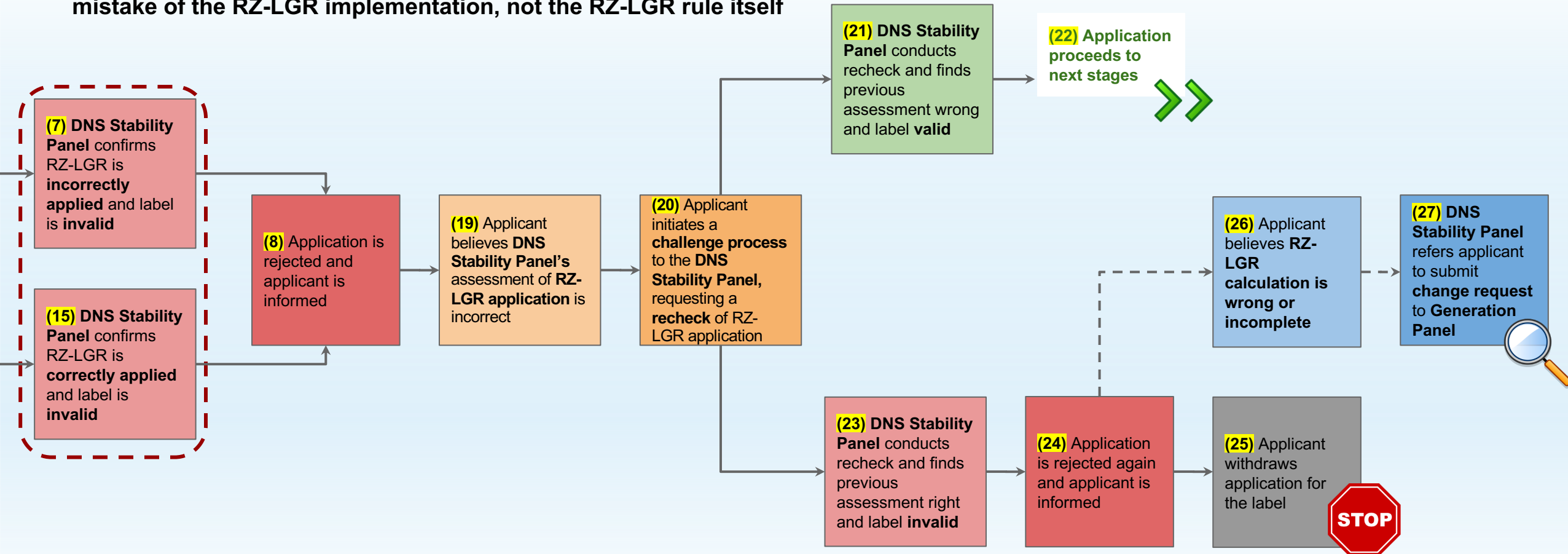


# Possible Process Flow (Validity of Applied-for gTLD Label)



# Possible Process Flow (Validity of Applied-for gTLD Label) (Cont.)

**High Level Principle:** The challenge process may deal with technical mistake of the RZ-LGR implementation, not the RZ-LGR rule itself



# Questions for Discussion

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**Question 1:** [Assuming that the applied-for label has passed the mandatory string requirements and IDNA 2008 requirements] Should the applicant be allowed to submit an application for a gTLD label, knowing the label is invalid according to the RZ-LGR?

**Question 2:** Does the DNS Stability Panel have a role in assessing whether the RZ-LGR has been applied correctly?

**Question 3:** Is a change request made to the Generation Panel to update the RZ-LGR outside the challenge process for the new gTLD program? Change request to update the RZ-LGR can be made at any time, not limited to the application period.

**Question 4:** [Assuming that the application system has correctly incorporated the algorithmic check] Upon receiving rejection from the DNS Stability Panel, should the applicant be allowed to amend the applied-for label in order to conform with the application system?



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