

At-Large input to the Change of Registrant Policy

Introduction

The GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP working group has in several meetings discussed the Change of Registrant Policy (CoR). The CoR is connected to the TPR PDP Phase (1b).

At-Large TPR PDP members have updated the work done in the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) meetings.

In front of the CPWG meeting on Aug 31, 2022, an overview of the present CoR policy and key questions with reference to the discussion in the TPR PDP WG, were distributed to the CPWG mailing list.

Number of attendees at the CPWG call on Aug 31, 2022: 26.

Discussion and comments from the CPWG

Input to the discussion were mostly connected to the question whether the present 60-days transfer lock after a change of registrant data is preventing domain name hijacking.

Further - the majority of the CPWG attendees requested data about the volume of hijacked domain names. These statistics - if available, may indicate if the transfer lock after a change of registrant is needed.

The discussion also covered whether a transfer lock is needed for mitigation of domain name hijacking.

Poll questions and answers

These are the questions and responses (in %) for the informal poll held after the discussion

Question #1:

From an end-user perspective, do you believe the present Change of Registrant Policy works as intended?

- Yes: 39%
- No: 28%
- Not sure: 33%

Number persons responded to this question: 18

Question #2:

Are you in favor of keeping a transfer lock period after a change of registrant data?

- Yes: 71%
- No: 18%
- Not sure: 12%

Number of persons responded to this question: 17

Question #3:

If the TPR PDP working group proposes to alter the transfer lock period after a change of registrant data, what is your recommendation to the WG?

- A transfer lock period MORE than 60 days: 22%
- A transfer lock period LESS than 60 days: 50%
- No transfer lock period: 11%
- Not sure: 17%

Number of persons responded to this question: 18

Conclusion

The CPWG members attending the discussion and responding to the informal poll, clearly indicated that there must be statistics signaling a very low number to alter the present Change of Registrant policy requiring a transfer lock period after a change of registrant data.

However - the number of days connected to a transfer lock may be reduced.

We will emphasize that this was an informal poll.