

Comparing Phase 1 and Phase 2

| Aspect | Phase 1 | Phase 2 |
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| Focus | Top-level IDN variants | Second-level variants |
| Current situation | No policy exists for IDN variants at the top level | Registry-level policy exists for 2nd level variants |
| Meant for | ICANN, particularly for the next round of new gTLDs | Mostly for registries |
| Main stakeholders | ICANN, applicants, registries | Registries, Registrars, Resellers, Registrants, end-users |
| Identification of variants | Through the Root Zone LGR | Through registry-level IDN Tables |
| End-user importance | Generally low | Higher, as end-users have to work with IDN variant domain names |