Housekeeping

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• Please log into Adobe Connect for each call where possible
  – Raise hand via the User Icon
• All participants should declare their interests when participating
  – Potential bidders should make this explicit
• Follow-up will occur via e-mail outside the call
• Participants can use the distribution list for discussion
Agenda

(25 min) Issue N3 – Dispute Resolution
(25 min) Issue N4 – Information Accuracy and Update
( 5 min) Introduce New Issue N5
( 5 min) Wrap-Up
N3 – Dispute Resolution

• Issue Description
  – Processes should be in place to address disputes during the operation of the clearinghouse
  – The Applicant Guidebook provides for challenges to a sunrise registration under 4 scenarios
  – The Trademark Clearinghouse will hear challenges, but should not be a venue for deciding legal claims.

• Key Questions for Discussion Period
  – What types of disputes, if any, are foreseen but not captured in this framework?
  – What entity should administer the sunrise dispute resolution processes?
N4 – Information Accuracy and Update

• Issue Description
  – It is necessary to identify the relevant processes and requirements to ensure that clearinghouse data is as accurate and up-to-date as reasonably possible

• Elements of Data Maintenance
  – Frequency of re-authenticating rights, frequency of re-validating proof of use, frequency of re-confirming email/contact data, refresh times, expiration, reviving expired data, expiration notice frequency

• Data Maintenance Processes
  – User interface for provision of updated data, re-validation for proof of use, re-confirmation for contact data, removal of records, re-instatement of removed records

• Key Questions for Discussion Period
  – Are there certain data elements for which information updates are most critical?
  – Are there processes needed for information updates and accuracy not mentioned above that should be accounted for in the implementation?
  – What additional processes could be instituted by the Clearinghouse to enhance data accuracy (e.g., automated tools, spot-checks for quality control)?
New Issues

• N5 – Matching Rules

Symbolic Equivalents

• Exact match as defined in the Guidebook includes the replacement of certain special characters (@, &) with the appropriate spelling. For example, “&” can be converted to “and” in English, “et” in French, “y” in Spanish, etc.
• Should there be symbolic equivalent maps for each language that will be used to determine collisions under the exact match rule?

Variant Characters

• Rules for use of characters that are considered “variants” in a language may differ according to the TLD registry.
• How are these cases accounted for in what is considered an exact match for Clearinghouse operations?
Wrap-Up

• There will be a final comment period for recommendations on N3, N5 closing 2 Mar
  – Please don’t resubmit prior comments; only send new recommendations
• Comments on N5 are due 7 Mar (23:59 UTC 6 Mar)
  – A new Implementation Issues document for N5 will be circulated by 29 Feb
• The final IAG call will occur on 9 Mar (05:00 UTC)