

Next Round of NgTLDs / Subsequent Procedures The Last SubPro Supplemental Recommendation

Update #16 to At-Large CPWG On Singular/Plural Strings

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⦿ Consensus Building is Hard Work!

Element	Status
1. ICANN org only checks if notifier informs pair/group of singular/plural versions of same word in same language	Consensus
2. Notifier must cite source: dictionary	Near Consensus
3. Primary goal for disallowing singular/plural strings: reduce risk of end user confusion	Divergence
4. Default is to disallow, exceptions apply but cannot be broad	Divergence
5. Exception: use of verifiable criteria	
(1) <u>Differentiated applied-for string</u> : Clear, readily apparent, delineation of eligible registrants, based on specific, objective eligibility criteria such as the possession of a license, or professional qualifications	Divergence
(2) <u>“Unlikely to confuse end users” standard</u> : Applicants bear the burden of demonstrating that the characteristics distinguishing the domains associated with singular and plural words in the same language will be readily apparent to ordinary end users under the circumstances/in the relevant context	Divergence