

IDN gTLD EPDP Update

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Agenda

- **Same Entity Principle**
- **Discovering allocated Variant Domain Names**



Same Entity Principle

Recommendation 1: The “same entity” principle applies to the allocation of future variant domain names at the second-level of gTLDs. This means that all allocatable variant domain names from a variant domain set must be allocated or withheld for possible allocation only to the same registrant. Additionally, all allocated domain names must be at the same sponsoring registrar.

Recommendation 3: Immediately prior to the policy effective date of the “same entity” principle as set out in Final Preliminary Recommendation 1, the existing variant domain names that do not conform to the “same entity” principle must be exempted (**grandfathered**). This means that there will be no change to the contractual or allocation status of such existing variant domain names. The requirement of having the same registrant and the same sponsoring registrar will not be applied retroactively. gTLD Registries must determine variant sets for each exempted (**grandfathered**) label as if it is a source domain name and protect from registration all variant labels in all such variant sets in all variant gTLDs, as appropriate.



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Recommendation 4: Any allocatable variant domain names of exempted (grandfathered) domain names pursuant to Final Preliminary Recommendation 3 cannot be allocated unless and until only one registrant and one sponsoring registrar remain for the exempted (grandfathered) domain name(s) from the relevant variant domain set.

Recommendation 5: All of the existing and future IDN Tables for a given gTLD and its delegated gTLD variant label(s), if any, must be harmonized. This means that all of the IDN Tables for a gTLD and its delegated gTLD variant label(s) must produce a consistent variant domain set for a given second-level label registered under that gTLD or its delegated gTLD variant label(s).

Final Recommendation 6: The baseline criteria for implementing IDNs at the second-level must be security and stability of the DNS. ICANN org and gTLD Registry operators shall be responsible for reaching mutual agreement on a minimum set of IDN variant deployment requirements, including, variant sets at the second-level. In developing the minimum set of IDN variant deployment requirements, ICANN org and the gTLD registry operators shall consult with other relevant stakeholders, including ICANN-accredited registrars and script communities



Same Entity Principle

(New Draft) Final Recommendation 14 :

To account for the "same entity" principle and its implications for variant domain names, gTLD registry operators should work with ICANN-accredited registrars to determine a mechanism **to communicate between each other to facilitate the registration and management of variant domain names** ~~provide information on the allocated variant domain names for a given domain name, including an indication of the source domain name(s) and initial source domain name of the variant domain set. The grandfathered (exempted) variant domain names pursuant to Final Recommendation 3 are excluded from this requirement."~~



Discovering allocated Variant Domain Names

(New Draft) Implementation Guidance 15:

In order to allow an ~~end-user~~ interested party to discover the allocated variant domain names for a given domain name, ICANN-accredited registrars and gTLD registry operators should accept requests for ~~and consider whether~~ disclosure of this information and unless there are data privacy concerns, the information should be granted. In considering whether to disclose the information, the ~~registrar~~ ICANN-accredited registrars and gTLD registry operators should balance the interest of the requestor with those of the data subject, where such balancing is required by applicable law.



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New Draft) Implementation Guidance 17:

“gTLD registry operators should publish policies, in a transparent manner, that reflect their implementation of the EPDP-IDNs Phase 2 recommendations. In particular, such policies should reflect the implementation of Final Recommendations 1, 3-6, and 14 and as well as Implementation Guidance 2 and 15.

Questions?

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