

WHOIS Recommendation 6 Implementation

Data Accuracy
30 September 2015

Implementation 6 Timeline







Risk Management

Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
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Launch Accuracy Reporting System Phase I	Staff	✓
Launch Accuracy Reporting System Phase II	Staff	Dec. 2015
Launch of Accuracy Reporting System Phase III	Staff	2016

Recommendation 6 Implementation Description

ICANN should take appropriate measures to reduce the number of WHOIS registrations that fall into the accuracy groups Substantial Failure and Full Failure (as defined by the NORC Data Accuracy Study, 2009/10) by 50% within 12 months and by 50% again over the following 12 months.

-  Complete
-  Planned/In Process
-  Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan
-  Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

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In 2015 Staff launched the Accuracy Reporting System to conduct bi-annual studies in collaboration with NORC. The project is being operationalized in phases, based on the stages of WHOIS Accuracy verification described in [SSAC 058](#) (Syntax, Operational, and Identity).

- Modifications to operationalize the Accuracy Reporting System – Apr – Jun 2015
- Accuracy Reporting System - Phase I (Syntactic validation) [Report Published](#) – August 2015
- ARS – [Phase II \(Syntactic + Operational\) Criteria published](#) September 2015
- [WHOIS ARS Testing Criteria - UPDATED](#)
- ARS – Phase II (Syntactic + Operational validation) Report expected December 2015
- ARS – Phase III (Identity Validation) Staff White Paper for public consideration targeted for January 2016
- Launch of Accuracy Reporting System – Phase III (Identity validation), TBD

Implementation Notes

This recommendation is in progress.

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