

WHOIS Recommendation 7 Implementation

Data Accuracy
31 March 2016

Implementation 7 Timeline



Accurate Reporting

Recommendation 7 Implementation Description

ICANN shall produce and publish an accuracy report focused on measured reduction in WHOIS registrations that fall into the accuracy groups Substantial Failure and Full Failure, on an annual basis.

Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
Implement WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System (ARS)	Staff	✓
Conduct Pilot Accuracy Study in collaboration with NORC to test the proposed methodology using commercial validation services to test the syntactical and operational accuracy of the email, telephone numbers and postal addresses using actual data	Staff	✓
Launch of Accuracy Reporting System - Phase I (Syntactic validation)	Staff	✓
Launch of Accuracy Reporting System - Phase II (Operational validation)	Staff	✓



Complete

Planned/In Process

Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan

Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

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Project Status

Staff is implementing the WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System (ARS).

•Staff conducted a Pilot Accuracy Study in collaboration with NORC to test the proposed methodology using commercial validation services to test the syntactical and operational accuracy of the email, telephone numbers and postal addresses using actual data.

Approximately 100,000 WHOIS records were examined during the Pilot.

- Published [Pilot Study for the WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System: Preliminary Findings](#) in Oct 2014.
- The [Pilot Study Report](#) published in Dec. 2014 for public comment.
- [Report](#) of Public Comments on Pilot Study published in April 2015
- Phased approach to Implementation of ARS initiated. Phase 1 (Syntax) & Phase 2 (Operational) have been launched. Phase 3 Identity Validation requires further consultation with the community before proceeding with implementation.

•ARS

- Accuracy Reporting System - Phase I (Syntactic validation) [Report Published](#) – Aug 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
- Accuracy Reporting System transitioned from a pilot project to an ongoing activity in 2015
- [Conclusion](#) of 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement WHOIS Accuracy Program Specification Review (16 November 2015) notes that the specification will be subject to an additional review in approximately one year. This future review will have the added benefit of being informed by the data compiled via the [Whois Accuracy Reporting System initiative](#).
- [Webinar](#) held 6 January 2016 on [ARS Phase 2 Report](#).
- If needed – ARS Identity validation paper will be developed

Implementation Notes

This recommendation has been completed with the launch of [ARS as an on-going project](#). Additional reports may be prepared as issues arise