

At-Large .CAT Cross-Ownership Removal Request Workspace

Comment Close Date	Statement Name	Status (Please click "Adopted" to download a copy of the Final Statement)	Assignee (s) and RALO(s)	Call for Comments	Call for Comments Close	Vote Announcement	Vote Open	Vote Reminder	Vote Close	Date of Submission	Staff Contact and Email	Staff Name
21.01.2013	At-Large .CAT Cross-Ownership Removal Request Workspace	No Statement	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	na	n/a	Karla Valente karla.valente@icann.org	n/a

Comment/Reply Periods (*)		Important Information Links
Comment Open:	22 December 2012	
Comment Close:	21 January 2013	
Close Time (UTC):	23:59 UTC	Public Comment Announcement
Reply Open:	22 January 2013	To Submit Your Comments (Forum)
Reply Close:	11 February 2013	View Comments Submitted
Close Time (UTC):	23:59 UTC	Report of Public Comments

Brief Overview

Originating Organization:	Fundació puntCAT		
Categories /Tags:	Contracted Party Agreements		
Purpose (Brief):	<p>Fundació puntCAT requests the removal of the cross-ownership restrictions reflected on the 23 September 2005 contract signed between ICANN and Fundació puntCAT. (http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/cat).</p> <p>This request is submitted according to the "Process for Handling Requests for Removal of Cross-Ownership Restrictions on Operators of Existing gTLDs" adopted by the Board on 18 October 2012. See: http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/removal-cross-ownership.</p> <p>According to the approved process, in order to lift cross-ownership restrictions, existing gTLD registry operators could either request an amendment to their existing Registry Agreement to remove the cross-ownership restrictions or request to transition to the new form of Registry Agreement for new gTLDs. Any proposed material amendments to gTLD registry agreements would be subject to public comment prior to ICANN approval.</p> <p>The proposed Fundació puntCAT amendment can be found here [PDF, 178 KB]. The redlined agreement can be downloaded here [PDF, 66 KB].</p>		
Current Status:	<p>ICANN conducted a competition review in accordance to the process and has determined that the request does not raise significant competition issues. Furthermore, Fundació puntCAT argues that the removal of the cross ownership restrictions would allow its entity to be on a level playing field with the new gTLD Registry Operators.</p> <p>This is the first cross-ownership removal request submitted under the Board-approved process.</p>		
Next Steps:	Following the public comment period, a summary and analysis will be posted, the request will be considered by ICANN and the result will be made public.		
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Detailed Information

Section I: Description, Explanation, and Purpose

ICANN seeks public comment on the Fundació puntCAT's request to amend its 23 September 2005 agreement to remove the current cross-ownership restriction. This would allow Fundació puntCAT to own or control a registrar that sells .cat domains. Per current agreement, .cat domain names are sold only through Fundació puntCAT accredited registrars.

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Section II: Background

On 18 October 2012, ICANN Board approved a process, by which existing gTLD registries could request relief from cross-ownership restrictions on registrars to sell domain names in new gTLDs (see <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/removal-cross-ownership>). This Board action was based on extensive independent analysis and community discussion.

The gTLD registry agreements that are currently in place, including .CAT, have cross-ownership restrictions, which means that the existing gTLD registries are not allow to own or control a registrar that sells domains in their own existing registries. The current .CAT agreement with all appendices is available here: <http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/cat>

Section III: Document and Resource Links

The proposed contract amendment can be found [here](#) [PDF, 178 KB]. The redlined agreement can be downloaded [here](#)[PDF, 66 KB].

Section IV: Additional Information

none

() Comments submitted after the posted Close Date/Time are not guaranteed to be considered in any final summary, analysis, reporting, or decision-making that takes place once this period lapses.*