

At-Large Trademark Clearinghouse Documents Workspace

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15.10.2012	Trademark Clearinghouse Documents	Adopted 14Y, 0N, 0A	Avri Doria (NARALO)	16.11.2012	31.10.2012	02.11.2012	03.11.2012	06.11.2012	07.11.2012 12:00 UTC	07.11.2012	Karen Lentz karen.lentz@icann.org	AL/ALAC/ST/11 12/1

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Comm ent Open:	24 September 2012		
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Brief Overview	
Origin ating Organ ization:	ICANN Staff
Categ ories /Tags:	Top-Level Domains
Purpo se (Brief):	<p>The Trademark Clearinghouse facilitates the protection of trademark rights during the initial allocation and registration periods for domain names in new generic top level domains (new gTLDs). Starting with the first round expected to be coming online late in 2013, all new gTLD registries will be required to use Clearinghouse data to ensure that a set of mandatory trademark rights protection mechanisms are applied to all new domain registrations occurring in at least the first 90 days of domain registration.</p> <p>The documents for comment present the development work done on these Clearinghouse procedures and are now provided for community review and comment. Two explanatory memoranda are posted for a 45-day public comment period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementing Matching Rules [PDF, 194 KB] 2. Implementing Proof of Use Verification [PDF, 176 KB]
Curre nt Status:	These memos provide Trademark Clearinghouse implementation details as currently developed.
Next Steps:	Comments will be summarized and analyzed, and revisions to the relevant procedures may be considered based on the feedback received.
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Detailed Information
<p>Section I: Description, Explanation, and Purpose</p> <p>The Trademark Clearinghouse facilitates the protection of trademark rights during the initial allocation and registration periods for domain names in new generic top level domains (new gTLDs). Starting with the first round expected to be coming online late in 2013, all new gTLD registries will be required to use Clearinghouse data to ensure that a set of mandatory trademark rights protection mechanisms are applied to all new domain registrations occurring in at least the first 90 days of domain registration.</p> <p>The documents for comment describe the development work done on Clearinghouse procedures and are now provided for community review and comment. Two explanatory memoranda are posted for a 45-day public comment period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementing Matching Rules [PDF, 194 KB] 2. Implementing Proof of Use Verification [PDF, 176 KB]
<p>Section II: Background</p>

With the launch of the New generic Top-Level Domain (New gTLD) Program, Internet users will see many new gTLDs enter the domain name system. Operators of new gTLDs will be responsible for implementing certain rights protection mechanisms, supported by the Trademark Clearinghouse.

The Trademark Clearinghouse is one of several important enhanced rights protection mechanisms that have been built into the new gTLD program. The Trademark Clearinghouse will accept and authenticate rights information, and will support both trademark claims and sunrise services, required in all new gTLDs. The Clearinghouse is expected to play an important role in the launch of the New gTLD Program and in ensuring ongoing protection of trademark rights.

Section III: Document and Resource Links

<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/trademark-clearinghouse>

Section IV: Additional Information

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FINAL DRAFT

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FIRST DRAFT

The first draft was developed on the [New gTLD WG mailing list](#).