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After compliments,

Subject: Two-Character Letter/Letter Label Comments and Mitigation

Measures

With reference to the subject mentioned above, the TRA on behalf of the Government of Oman would like to express its strong reservation to the use of the country codes and country names as second level domains (SLDs).

As it is known to ICANN, the “.om” code is assigned to Oman as per ISO standard 3166, and thus Oman is identified widely in the internet and outside the internet by this code. Hence the TRA is deeply concerned that releasing the two characters of its country code, country name and any other related codes or names of any part of Oman at the second level will be misleading and confusing to the internet users. If permitted, the proposed plan could result in individuals and entities offering services that could be assumed by users to comply with our laws and regulations, while they would not be in reality. The proposed SLDs process could potentially result in very serious consequences at all levels, including abuses, impersonation, fraudulent activity among others. Any action that exposes the countries to a situation where they have to do a defensive registration on many new gTLDs is not appropriate and not practical.

Therefore, our formal position in regard to the SLDs is that, the current position of Omani Government is not to use its country code, country name and any other related codes or names of any part of Oman at the second level.

Best regards,



H.E. Dr. Hamed Salim Al-Rawahi

Executive President

