



Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) Request

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Registry Operator

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Request Details

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This service request should be used to submit a Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request. An RSEP is required to add, modify or remove Registry Services for a TLD. More information about the process is available at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rsep-2014-02-19-en>

Complete the information requested below. All answers marked with a red asterisk are required. Click the Save button to save your work and click the Submit button to submit to ICANN.

PROPOSED SERVICE

1. Name of Proposed Service

.yahoo registry operator, Yahoo! Domain Services Inc. Limited is applying to add IDN domain registration services. .yahoo IDN domain name registration services will be fully compliant with IDNA 2008, as well as ICANN's Guidelines for implementation of IDNs. The language tables are attached to this case together with IDN policies. .yahoo is a brand TLD, as defined by the Specification 13, and as such only the registry and its affiliates are eligible to register .yahoo domain names.

2. Technical description of Proposed Service. If additional information needs to be considered, attach one PDF file

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The full list of languages/scripts is:

Azerbaijani language
Belarusian language
Bulgarian language
Chinese language
Croatian language
French language
Greek, Modern language
Japanese language
Korean language
Kurdish language
Macedonian language
Moldavian language
Polish language
Russian language
Serbian language
Spanish language
Swedish language
Ukrainian language
Arabic script
Armenian script
Avestan script
Balinese script
Bamum script
Batak script
Bengali script
Bopomofo script
Brahmi script
Buginese script
Buhid script
Canadian Aboriginal script
Carian script
Cham script
Cherokee script
Coptic script
Cuneiform script
Cyrillic script
Devanagari script
Egyptian Hieroglyphs script
Ethiopic script
Georgian script
Glagolitic script
Greek script

Gujarati script
Gurmukhi script
Han script
Hangul script
Hanunoo script
Hebrew script
Hiragana script
Imperial Aramaic script
Inscriptional Pahlavi script
Inscriptional Parthian script
Javanese script
Kaithi script
Kannada script
Katakana script
Kayah Li script
Kharoshthi script
Khmer script
Lao script
Latin script
Lepcha script
Limbu script
Lisu script
Lycian script
Lydian script
Malayalam script
Mandaic script
Meetei Mayek script
Mongolian script
Myanmar script
New Tai Lue script
Nko script
Ogham script
Ol Chiki script
Old Persian script
Old South Arabian script
Old Turkic script
Oriya script
Phags Pa script
Phoenician script
Rejang script
Runic script
Samaritan script
Saurashtra script
Sinhala script
Sundanese script
Syloti Nagri script

Syriac script
Tagalog script
Tagbanwa script
Tai Le script
Tai Tham script
Tai Viet script
Tamil script
Telugu script
Thaana script
Thai script
Tibetan script
Tifinagh script
Vai script
Yi script

If additional information needs to be considered, attach one file

Verisign IDN Tables v2.2.zip

CONSULTATION

3. Please describe with specificity your consultations with the community, experts and or others. What were the quantity, nature and content of the consultations?

After internal consultations were carried out to determine language needs, .yahoo consulted with its backend provider, Verisign, on technical implementation. There was no consultation with the broader community as registration and usage of .yahoo TLDs will be restricted to the Registry and its affiliates.

3a. If the registry is a sponsored TLD, what were the nature and content of these consultations with the sponsored TLD community?

n/a

3b. Were consultations with gTLD registrars or the registrar constituency appropriate? Which registrars were consulted? What were the nature and content of the consultation?

As the ".com" registry, Verisign has been offering IDNs for many years to a large number of registrars. In addition, as a .brand Registry we will chose up to a maximum of 3 registrars, and each of them will have to support IDNs, so further consultation was not required.

3c. Were consultations with other constituency groups appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

n/a

3d. Were consultations with end users appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

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3e. Who would endorse the introduction of this service? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

The Internet community in general would endorse this service, and in particular the hospitality industry, .yahoo customers, and the Registry and its Affiliates who are operating in the markets where we do business (or might be in the future), especially those whose native languages use non-ASCII characters.

3f. Who would object the introduction of this service? What were (or would be) the nature and content of these consultations?

There should be no objections to the introduction of this service since it is fully compliant with IDNA 2008 protocols, as well as ICANN's Guidelines for Implementation of IDNs.

TIMELINE

4. Please describe the timeline for implementation of the proposed new registry service.

Registry Operator would seek to begin registering IDN domain names as soon as practicable.

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

5. Describe how the Proposed Service will be offered.

Yahoo! Domain Services Inc. (the Registry) will allow registration of IDNs in .yahoo at the second-level and below. The current contractual provision states only the below information:

- 1.1.1. Chinese language
- 1.1.2. German language
- 1.1.3. Japanese language
- 1.1.4. Korean language
- 1.1.5. Russian language
- 1.1.6. Spanish language

A full list of the IDNs .yahoo intends to offer can be found in this request under the "Technical description of Proposed Service" portion of "Proposed Service" and "Contractual Amendments" sections. Only the Registry and its affiliates are eligible to register and use .yahoo domain names. Registration will be available via .yahoo accredited registrars. The SRS supports the IDN extension for EPP and registrars may use this extension to signal which IDN table an IDN domain name corresponds to.

6. Describe quality assurance plan or testing of Proposed Service.

Verisign has tested all operations including searching, registering, updating, and deleting of IDN registrations. This careful testing has also ensured that the existence of a canonical IDN label prohibits any registrations in the same set of variant labels, and that the variants become available again for registration once the IDN label is deleted. Verisign will continue to analyze newly registered IDN labels to ensure that all registrations are in full compliance with .yahoo IDN Policies.

7. Please list any relevant RFCs or White Papers on the proposed service and explain how those papers are relevant.

.yahoo's selected backend registry services provider's (Verisign's) SRS IDN implementation complies with IDN standards defined by IDNA BIS (i.e., IDNA2008). Moreover, along with this standard migration, the IDN code points are based on Unicode 5.2. As part of the software development lifecycle (SDLC) process, Verisign incorporates design reviews, code reviews, and peer reviews to help ensure compliance with the relevant RFCs. In addition, a dedicated quality assurance (QA) team creates extensive test plans and issues internal certifications once it has confirmed the accuracy of the code in relation to requirements and RFCs. To help ensure adopted processes and procedures are followed and to further ensure the security and stability of the TLD is fully accounted for in all software releases, the QA team is an independent organization from the development team within engineering.

Specific RFCs with which Verisign complies include 5890 – 5893, which define the IDN protocol, and 5894 – 5895, which are provided for information purposes, as detailed below:

- RFC 5890 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5890.txt>): Internationalized Domain Names for Applications: Definitions and Document Framework
- RFC 5891 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5891.txt>): Internationalized Domain Names in Applications: Protocol
- RFC 5892 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5892.txt>): The Unicode Code Points and Internationalized Domain Names for Applications
- RFC 5893 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5893.txt>): Right-to-Left Scripts for Internationalized Domain Names for Applications
- RFC 5894 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5894.txt>): Internationalized Domain Names for Applications: Background, Explanation, and Rationale
- RFC 5895 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5895.txt>): Mapping Characters for Internationalized Domain Names in Applications 2008

CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

8. List the relevant contractual provisions impacted by the Proposed Service.

ICANN Registry Agreement, Exhibit A - Approved Services, Section 3: Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

9. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the reporting of data to ICANN.

None.

10. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the Whois?

None.

If additional information needs to be considered, attach one PDF file.

11. What effect, if any, will the proposed service have on the price of a domain name registration?

none

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CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

12. Please describe or provide the necessary contractual amendments for the proposed service

The new service would require the following amendment to paragraph 3.3 of Exhibit A - Approved Services. (All scripts and language are added to the list of approved IDN services)

Within Exhibit A Section 4 - please update the following:

4. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)
 - Please update section - 4.2.1. Variant IDNs (as defined in the Registry Operator's IDN tables and IDN Registration Rules) will be blocked from registration.
 - Please Remove section 4.2.2 & section 4.2.3.

Please add the below under section 4.3

Registry Operator may offer registration of IDNs in the following languages/scripts (IDN Tables and IDN Registration Rules will be published by the Registry Operator as specified in the ICANN IDN Implementation Guidelines):

- 4.3.1 Azerbaijani language
- 4.3.2 Belarusian language
- 4.3.3 Bulgarian language
- 4.3.4 Chinese language
- 4.3.5 Croatian language
- 4.3.6 French language
- 4.3.7 Greek, Modern language
- 4.3.8 Japanese language
- 4.3.9 Korean language
- 4.3.10 Kurdish language
- 4.3.11 Macedonian language
- 4.3.12 Moldavian language
- 4.3.13 Polish language
- 4.3.14 Russian language
- 4.3.15 Serbian language
- 4.3.16 Spanish language
- 4.3.17 Swedish language
- 4.3.18 Ukrainian language
- 4.3.19 Arabic script
- 4.3.20 Armenian script

- 4.3.21 Avestan script
- 4.3.22 Balinese script
- 4.3.23 Bamum script
- 4.3.24 Batak script
- 4.3.25 Bengali script
- 4.3.26 Bopomofo script
- 4.3.27 Brahmi script
- 4.3.28 Buginese script
- 4.3.29 Buhid script
- 4.3.30 Canadian Aboriginal script
- 4.3.31 Carian script
- 4.3.32 Cham script
- 4.3.33 Cherokee script
- 4.3.34 Coptic script
- 4.3.35 Cuneiform script
- 4.3.36 Cyrillic script
- 4.3.37 Devanagari script
- 4.3.38 Egyptian Hieroglyphs script
- 4.3.39 Ethiopic script
- 4.3.40 Georgian script
- 4.3.41 Glagolitic script
- 4.3.42 Greek script
- 4.3.43 Gujarati script
- 4.3.44 Gurmukhi script
- 4.3.45 Han script
- 4.3.46 Hangul script
- 4.3.47 Hanunoo script
- 4.3.48 Hebrew script
- 4.3.49 Hiragana script
- 4.3.50 Imperial Aramaic script
- 4.3.51 Inscriptional Pahlavi script
- 4.3.52 Inscriptional Parthian script
- 4.3.53 Javanese script
- 4.3.54 Kaithi script
- 4.3.55 Kannada script
- 4.3.56 Katakana script
- 4.3.57 Kayah Li script
- 4.3.58 Kharoshthi script
- 4.3.59 Khmer script
- 4.3.60 Lao script
- 4.3.61 Latin script
- 4.3.62 Lepcha script
- 4.3.63 Limbu script
- 4.3.64 Lisu script
- 4.3.65 Lycian script
- 4.3.66 Lydian script

- 4.3.67 Malayalam script
- 4.3.68 Mandaic script
- 4.3.69 Meetei Mayek script
- 4.3.70 Mongolian script
- 4.3.71 Myanmar script
- 4.3.72 New Tai Lue script
- 4.3.73 Nko script
- 4.3.74 Ogham script
- 4.3.75 Ol Chiki script
- 4.3.76 Old Persian script
- 4.3.77 Old South Arabian script
- 4.3.78 Old Turkic script
- 4.3.79 Oriya script
- 4.3.80 Phags Pa script
- 4.3.81 Phoenician script
- 4.3.82 Rejang script
- 4.3.83 Runic script
- 4.3.84 Samaritan script
- 4.3.85 Saurashtra script
- 4.3.86 Sinhala script
- 4.3.87 Sundanese script
- 4.3.88 Syloti Nagri script
- 4.3.89 Syriac script
- 4.3.90 Tagalog script
- 4.3.91 Tagbanwa script
- 4.3.92 Tai Le script
- 4.3.93 Tai Tham script
- 4.3.94 Tai Viet script
- 4.3.95 Tamil script
- 4.3.96 Telugu script
- 4.3.97 Thaana script
- 4.3.98 Thai script
- 4.3.99 Tibetan script
- 4.3.100 Tifinagh script
- 4.3.101 Vai script
- 4.3.102 Yi script

BENEFITS OF PROPOSED SERVICE

13. Describe the benefits of the Proposed Service.

IDNs will provide an improved user experience within the TLD for Internet users all around the world by offering more intuitive access and navigation. At the same time, IDNs will allow .yahoo to communicate more effectively with customers and stakeholders in all markets.

COMPETITION

14. Do you believe your proposed new Registry Service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.

As a brand TLD, .yahoo is not available to the general public. Under the terms of Specification 13 in the Registry Agreement, registration is restricted to the use of the Registry and its affiliates, and as such the new service will have no effect on competition.

15. How would you define the markets in which your proposed Registry Service would compete?

IDNs will primarily be adopted for use in respective-speaking markets

16. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to your proposed Registry Service?

Many registry operators provide IDN registration.

17. In view of your status as a registry operator, would the introduction of your proposed Registry Service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?

As stated above, .yahoo is only open to registration by the Registry and its affiliates and therefore the service will not directly compete with other IDNs.

18. Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed Registry Service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.

Technical implementation of this service will be carried out by our backend operator, Verisign. Verisign will also be responsible for language tables and IDN policy.

19. Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please describe the communications.

n/a

20. Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please submit them with your application. (ICANN will keep the documents confidential).

n/a

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SECURITY AND STABILITY

21. Does the proposed service alter the storage and input of Registry Data?

No, the service does not alter storage and input of Registry Data

22. Please explain how the proposed service will affect the throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems.

The service does not affect throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems.

23. Have technical concerns been raised about the proposed service, and if so, how do you intend to address those concerns?

No. .yahoo will be working with Verisign as a back end registry operator. Verisign has successfully deployed IDN registration services in other TLDs, and the same IDN registration services are already available in gTLDs operated by Verisign and other registries.

OTHER ISSUES

24. Are there any Intellectual Property considerations raised by the Proposed Service?

No, there are no Intellectual property considerations raised by the proposed service

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25. Does the proposed service contain intellectual property exclusive to your gTLD registry?

No, the proposed service does not contain intellectual property exclusive to our gTLD registry

26. List Disclaimers provided to potential customers regarding the Proposed Service.

none

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27. Please provide any other relevant information to include with the request.

none

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Affected TLDs

Current Registry Operator	Top Level Domain	Registry Agreement Date
Yahoo! Domain Services Inc.	yahoo	2015-04-02