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**Subject:** Centralized Zone Data Service portal Refresh and API Update

Dear CZDS User,

The ICANN organization is introducing an updated portal for the Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) in January 2019 with a refreshed user interface for CZDS end users.

The CZDS refresh is designed to enhance your user experience when requesting and accessing registry operator zone files. Driven by a platform infrastructure change that provides a more stable, flexible, scalable and secure environment, the CZDS update includes:

- A refreshed user interface
- Improved performance
- Heightened data security
- Enhanced platform stability

Your current profile data will be migrated to the new CZDS portal, along with your previously- approved zone file access. You will receive additional communications and reminders in the coming weeks that will provide complete transition plan details.

## **CZDS API**

If you currently use the CZDS API to programmatically download zone files, please be aware that the API is changing with the introduction of the new CZDS portal. The updated CZDS API specification will be available shortly, and ICANN will provide an opportunity for you to test the new CZDS API implementation by making a test bed available starting 10 December 2018. The test bed will operate until the CZDS update goes live in January 2019.

If you are interested in utilizing the CZDS API test bed, ICANN has established an email group where you can sign-up and participate. Mail list inclusion will enable your test bed credentials and provide test bed instructions, in addition to a support forum should you run into any issues. The updated CZDS API specification will also be made available to group participants. Sign up here: <https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/czds-api-testbed>

## **Inactive Accounts**

As part of the CZDS refresh, ICANN plans to remove inactive end user accounts. An account will be considered inactive if the end user has not logged in via the portal or an API since 1 January 2018. End users that wish to maintain a CZDS account and continued access to their zone files should log in to <https://czds.icann.org/> [[czds.icann.org](https://czds.icann.org/)] between now and January 2019.

If you have any questions about the CZDS refresh please contact ICANN Global Support at [globalsupport@icann.org](mailto:globalsupport@icann.org).

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