



Dear Registrar:

On 21 October 2019, Göran Marby, President and CEO of ICANN org, [notified](#) Graeme Bunton, Chair of the Registrars Stakeholder Group (RrSG), of ICANN org's intent to initiate discussions for a global amendment to the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA). That letter represents the required "Negotiation Notice" specified in Section 7.4.1 of the RAA, triggering the Negotiation Process described in Section 7.4 of the RAA.

The primary focus of the amendment is to incorporate contractual requirements for the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) into the Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS). This should include definition of the plan and provisions to sunset the obligations related to the WHOIS protocol as we transition the technology for RDDS to an RDAP-based service. More information about RDAP can be found at [icann.org/rdap](https://icann.org/rdap).

In the letter, ICANN org asked the RrSG to designate members in good faith negotiations with ICANN org for a period of at least 90 days, with the goal of reaching a mutually acceptable agreement for the proposed revisions. If you would like to participate in the negotiations working group please email the Registrars Stakeholder Group at [secretariat@rrsg.org](mailto:secretariat@rrsg.org). There is also a similar and parallel effort to amend the Registry Agreement with the Registries Stakeholder Group.

If agreement is reached following the conclusion of the 90-day discussion period, ICANN org will follow the process outlined in Section 7.4.3 of the RAA and post the proposed revisions on its website for public comment for no less than 30 calendar days, and ICANN org will also provide notice of the revisions to all applicable registrars in accordance with Section 7.6 of the RAA.

ICANN org and the RrSG working group will consider the public comments and submit the proposed final version of the amendment for Registrar approval (as defined in Section 7.4.3 of the RAA) and approval by the ICANN Board of Directors. If these approvals are obtained, the amendment will become effective upon 60 days' notice from ICANN org to the Registrars.

If you have any questions, please email [globalsupport@icann.org](mailto:globalsupport@icann.org).

Sincerely,

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