



Dear Registry Operator,

This is a reminder that the [global amendments](#) to the base gTLD Registry Agreement (Base RA) and Specification 13 are **effective on 07 August 2023**.

What does this mean for you? 07 August 2023 is the starting point for the RDAP Ramp-Up Period for the RDAP contractual obligations. The RDAP Ramp-Up Period ends on 03 February 2024. *During the RDAP Ramp-Up Period, gTLD registry operators will need to update their systems to comply with the amended agreement terms per the global amendment to the Base RA.* Changes to the Base RA and your obligations from the global amendment include:

- Updated reporting requirements and service level requirements for the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP).
- The requirement for registries to comply with the [gTLD RDAP Profile](#) to ensure registries provide responses via RDAP in a standardized format and consistent with the ICANN Consensus Policies.
- The sunset of certain obligations to provide RDDS via the WHOIS protocols (i.e., WHOIS port-43 and web-based WHOIS) on 28 January 2025, 18 months after the amendment effective date.
- The allowance for ICANN to use an existing data set provided by registries for research purposes. This change enables ICANN to extend the DAAR project metrics to registrars to study DNS security threat concentrations across registrars.

You may view the changes in further detail via the redline posted on the [Base Registry Agreement webpage](#). For additional background information and implementation notes you may visit the [2023 Global Amendment webpage](#).

Registry Functions Activity reporting changes: Registry operators may continue to submit the monthly Registry Functions Activity report without the new field 'rdap-queries' up until the report for the month of December 2023, *but are encouraged to start using the updated report format as soon as possible*. Enforcement of the updated report structure in ICANN's Registration Reporting Interfaces (RRI) system begins with the submission of the report for the month covering the period of January 2024.

Here's a reminder of the RDAP and WHOIS milestones:

- 07 August 2023 - start RDAP Ramp-Up Period
- 03 February 2024 - end RDAP Ramp-Up Period
- 28 January 2025 - WHOIS Services Sunset Date

If you have any questions, please submit a General Inquiry case in the [Naming Services portal](#) or email globalsupport@icann.org.

Sincerely,

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