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## Via Email

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RE: Modification of Verification Code Extension for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol for gTLDs .COM and .NET for RSEP ID: [#01107702]

On 14 January 2022, VeriSign, Inc. ("Verisign") notified ICANN org of Verisign's plans to make certain modifications to its existing registrar requirements and systems associated with the Registry Service described in its <u>previous RSEP submission</u> entitled Verification Code Extension for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol. ICANN org received the notification of the modifications as confidential information in accordance with Section 3.1(d)(iv)(B) of the .com and .net Registry Agreements and treated it as such. Verisign also provided a non-confidential version for publication to ICANN org on 1 February 2022.

Verisign's request describes its intended modifications to the timing of when new domain name registrations or bulk transfers from Subject Registrars (i.e., those licensed by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT)) are placed on "serverHold" status when the applicable domain names do not have a required real name verification code at the time of registration or bulk transfer.

ICANN org determined that the proposed modifications are material and conducted a review of Verisign's request and determined the modifications did not raise significant Security, Stability or competition issues as defined in Section 3.1(d)(iv) of the .com and .net Registry Agreements. ICANN org further determined that implementation of the Registry Service modifications do not require a material change to the Registry Agreements. The registry operator is free to deploy the service modifications as proposed.

Sincerely,

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