



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. Alain Artero
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Re: European Broadcasting Union's Application for .RADIO

Dear Mr. Artero:

Thank you for your letter of 6 March 2015, regarding the European Broadcasting Union's (EBU's) application for .RADIO (application ID 1-1083-39123). We have posted your letter to the gTLD correspondence page (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/artero-to-jeffrey-06mar15-en.pdf>). We would like to address your questions about the Cooperative Engagement Process (CEP) and its affect on application statuses below.

As you know, the status of the EBU's application for .RADIO is "On-Hold" to reflect a pending CEP that was filed by Afilias Limited; BRS Media, Inc.; and Tin Dale, LLC on 2 February 2015. The CEP is a voluntary mechanism, provided for by Article IV, Section 3 of the ICANN Bylaws, by which a complainant can initiate, prior to filing a request for independent review, for the purpose of resolving or narrowing the issues that are contemplated to be brought to the Independent Review Process (IRP). The CEP process and timelines are set forth in the "CEP Procedure," published at (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/cep-11apr13-en.pdf>).

Information about all active and recently closed CEPs is published on ICANN's website (see <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/accountability/irp-en>). Further, although the details of CEPs are confidential, to the extent that the confidential nature of a CEP allows, if an affected applicant inquires about the potential impact to its application, we provide as much information as possible.

Once a CEP has concluded, the requesters have a defined period of time during which they may invoke an IRP. The IRP filing deadline is posted to the ICANN website. Once the IRP filing deadline has passed, ICANN updates the status of the affected application(s) as appropriate.



Going forward, ICANN will notify affected applicants of the initiation of a CEP or IRP, the close of a CEP or IRP, and the deadline given to file an IRP following the closing of the CEP. You may also view status updates for CEPs and IRPs on the IRP page of the ICANN website (see <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/accountability/irp-en>).

We acknowledge your request that ICANN “immediately allow EBU’s application for .RADIO to proceed through the contracting and testing phases with TLD.” Per our standard process, this application will not be eligible to execute a Registry Agreement with ICANN until the application status is no longer “On-Hold.” The process for updating application statuses is described at (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/advisories/application-contention-set-14mar14-en>). For more information about contracting eligibility requirements, please visit the Contracting landing page on the New gTLD Program’s microsite (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb/base-agreement-contracting>).

We hope that this information is helpful to you. We understand the importance of this matter to the European Broadcasting Union, and we will update you should the status of the .RADIO application change. Additionally, you may visit the Application Status page of the New gTLD Program’s microsite to view changes to application status (<https://gtldresult.icann.org/application-result/applicationstatus>). If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at newgtld@icann.org. Thank you for your participation in the New gTLD Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine A. Willett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine A. Willett
Vice President, GDD Operations