

ICANN Launches Continued Operations Instrument Obligation Release Service

Dear Registry Operator,

ICANN is launching the [COI Obligation Release Service](#) to support the new gTLD registry operators whose Continued Operations Instrument (COI) obligations will begin to expire starting in July 2019.

[Specification 8 of the base gTLD Registry Agreement](#) requires that registry operators maintain sufficient COI coverage for a term of six years from contract execution. Once the six-year milestone is reached, registry operators will no longer be required to maintain a COI. The first TLDs will reach this milestone in July of this year.

This new service allows the ICANN organization to identify and process the release of these COI documents by TLD as registry operator obligations to maintain them are concluded.

Registry operators are not required to take any action to initiate this service. The COI releases will be processed in monthly intervals based on the expiration of each top-level domain's COI obligation. Processing will begin two weeks prior to the month of the COI's obligation end date and may take up to 45 days to complete.

More detailed COI Obligation Release Service information can be found on the updated [COI webpage](#) and the revised [COI Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) page](#). Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us via your Naming Services portal (NSp) account or by email at globalsupport@icann.org.

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