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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Proposal #2007001, Domain Name Exceptions

Dear Jordi,

This letter is to inform you that ICANN has approved puntCAT's proposed new registry service.

On 21 February 2007, puntCAT submitted a proposal to ICANN titled "Domain Name Exceptions" for the release of three two-letter .CAT domain names from [Appendix 6](#) of the .CAT Sponsorship Agreement. puntCAT requested release of UB.cat to the University of Barcelona, UV.cat to the University of Valencia and UA.cat to the University of Alicante.

ICANN's preliminary determination did not identify any significant competition or security and stability issues.

The two-letter names UB and UV currently on the ISO 3166 list have not been allocated and do not correspond to any existing country or economy. The two-letter name UA corresponds to the country code for Ukraine. puntCAT's proposal indicates that release of the UA.cat domain name to the University of Alicante would serve the interests of the Catalan linguistic and cultural community. Based on the language in Appendix S of the .CAT Sponsorship Agreement, the registry may permit registrations to "universities, schools, research institutions and other academic entities that use Catalan in their academic activities or teach/promote aspects of Catalan culture." puntCAT has indicated that the University of Alicante satisfies this requirement.

As the release of three two-character names from Appendix 6 (.CAT Schedule of Reserved Names) does not require a change to the .CAT Registry Agreement, ICANN is approving the release with three conditions:

1. The domain names must be registered through ICANN accredited registrars.



2. In the event that the requesting universities decide not to use, retain or renew the domain names, the domain names will be returned to the reserved names list.
3. puntCAT's release of UA.cat to the University of Alicante should be "based on its implementation of measures to avoid confusion with the corresponding country code" .UA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patrick Jones
ICANN

cc: Kurt Pritz
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