



Dear Registry Operator and Registrar,

ICANN org recently opened two Public Comment proceedings that will directly impact registries and registrars. We value your attention to these projects and encourage your feedback.

1. [Registration Data Policy Implementation Plan](#)
2. [Proposed Amendments to the Base gTLD Registry Agreement and Registrar Accreditation Agreement for RDAP](#)

The Registration Data Policy Implementation Plan Public Comment proceeding was opened on 24 August. The implementation plan includes a draft Registration Data Consensus Policy for gTLDs that sets out requirements concerning the collection, transfer, and publication of gTLD registration data. It also includes proposed updates to existing consensus policies and procedures impacted by the community's recommendations concerning gTLD registration data.

The comment submission window is open until 31 October 2022. If you would like to engage further with the registration data implementation team on this topic, please join the Registration Data Policy Implementation IRT session at [ICANN75](#) on 21 September at 01:00 UTC. For more information, read Theresa Swinehart's blog [here](#).

The Public Comment proceeding on the proposed amendments to the base gTLD Registry Agreement (RA) and 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) was opened on 1 September. The proposed amendments specify operational requirements for providing Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) via the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), and specify the sunset of certain obligations for registries and registrars to provide RDDS via the WHOIS protocols.

ICANN org negotiated these proposed changes with members of the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) and Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG), collectively the Contracted Party House Negotiating Team. The resulting proposed amendments incorporate:

- The reporting requirements and service level requirements for RDAP.
- The gTLD RDAP Profile as a requirement that provides the technical instructions to gTLD registries and registrars on how to implement an RDAP service in a consistent way and in compliance with ICANN Consensus Policies.
- The timeline to sunset certain obligations related to the WHOIS protocols (i.e., WHOIS port-43 and web-based WHOIS).

The comment submission window is open until 11 October 2022. After the public comment process, ICANN will administer a 60-day voting period for each registry and registrar to approve

their respective proposed amendment. If the proposed amendments receive the required super majority of votes by registry operators and registrars for their respective agreements the proposed amendments will be sent to the ICANN Board for consideration.

If you would like to engage further with ICANN org and members of the RySG and RrSG who negotiated the proposed amendments, please join the GNSO: CPH RA / RAA Amendment Outreach to the Registries/Registrars [session](#) at ICANN75 on Tuesday, 20 September at 01:00 UTC. More information is also available in my [blog](#).

Sincerely,

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