Dear Registrars and Data Escrow Service Providers,

Please note that section 8.1 - 8.3 of the Registration Data Policy introduces changes to existing registrar data escrow operations on data submission to Registrar Data Escrow Agents (DEAs).

ICANN org is working closely with the Registration Data Policy Implementation Review Team to revise the Registrar Data Escrow Specification under the Registrar Data Escrow Program to reflect the changes from the Registration Data Policy. ICANN org expects to publish the updated Registrar Data Escrow (RDE) Specification this July along with a redline comparison document between the current 2007 specification and the updated specification.

ICANN org will provide notice of the updated 2024 version of the RDE Specification to registrars. The 2024 version of the RDE Specification is effective on 21 August 2025. Registrars and DEAs MAY implement prior to the effective date beginning 21 August 2024, following the below implementation timeline:

- **Before 21 August 2024**, registrars must continue to implement version 2007 of the RDE Specification.
- **Between 21 August 2024 and 20 August 2025**, ICANN org recommends registrars to implement version 2024 of the RDE Specification however registrars may continue to implement version 2007 of the Registrar Data Escrow Specification.
- **After 21 August 2025**, registrars are required to implement version 2024 of the RDE Specification and the version 2007 of RDE Specification is considered obsolete.

ICANN org encourages registrars to coordinate with their DEA before implementing the 2024 version of the RDE Specification.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to your ICANN Account Manager or contact us at globalsupport@icann.org.

Sincerely,

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