

**Question 1: Why did we receive PIC inquiries contemporaneous with Registry Services inviting to develop a framework from compliance with the PIC 3(b)?**

PIC inquiries and the development of a framework are two separate efforts; one is led by the Contractual Compliance team to evaluate readiness and the other is led by the Registry Services team to provide guidance and best practices.

**Question 2: What does periodic monitoring mean in the context of Section 3(b) of Specification 11?**

A Registry Operator signing the New Registry Agreement is obligated to perform a technical analysis to assess security threats in the TLD. Periodic monitoring, in the context of Section 3(b) of Specification 11, is established by the Registry Operator based on the type, frequency, and severity of the security threats identified on their gTLDs. An effort led by the Registry Services team is underway to develop a framework with the Registry Stakeholder Group to provide guidance and best practices to assist Registry Operators in complying with the contractual requirements.

Activities described in question No. 1 and question No. 2 above are aligned with the *Update to GAC Questions in Singapore Communiqué*, question No. 5 on pages 10 and 11, found at this link:

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/crocker-to-dryden-02sep14-en.pdf>

**Questions 3: Why is ICANN requiring nic.tld to list abuse contact data?**

ICANN is not requiring nic.tld to list abuse contact data necessarily. Nic.tld in some cases has been the only website found for the TLD, and in that case, the site must show abuse contact data per Section 4.1 of Specification 6.

**Question 4: Is a dot brand that has cross-ownership with a registrar required to maintain separate accounting books between the registry and the registrar?**

No. A gTLD that applied for and has signed a Registry Agreement containing Specification 13 is exempted from the Code of Conduct (Specification 9). Therefore the provision requiring separate accounting books does not apply.

**Question 5: Can we use nic.tld as a forwarding site?**

Yes, nic.tld can be used as a forwarding site.