Dear Registry Operator,

We hope you are having a prosperous and productive start to 2017! One of our goals this year is to review and update the registries section of ICANN.org. As such, we write to share upcoming updates.

We are reviewing guidance materials, such as the Assignment How-to Guides, on ICANN.org and plan to refresh the materials to incorporate feedback and questions we receive frequently. We are also evaluating the structure of the various registry-focused webpages to provide more clarity, transparency and ease of navigation.

Our first update will be to publish a new webpage on 27 January that shows a list of completed direct changes of control. The new webpage and additional information regarding Changes of Control can be found here: https://www.icann.org/resources/change-of-control. The new webpage will provide a consolidated list of all completed direct changes of control in order to provide better transparency. To date, completed direct change of control information is published on the TLD’s Registry Agreement page. Publishing a consolidated list will make it easier and more transparent for interested parties to view which TLDs have been subject to one or more direct changes of control.

We look forward to keeping you apprised of updates to increase the clarity and user-friendliness of the registries section of ICANN.org. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding this effort, please submit a case to the GDD Portal or email globalsupport@icann.org

Regards,
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