Proposed Service

Name of Proposed Service:

Additional IDN Table for .JOT

Technical description of Proposed Service:

Amazon Registry Services, Inc. ("Amazon Registry") would like to provide registration of domain names in Hindi in the .JOT TLD. Amazon Registry proposes to add Hindi to the list of approved languages in the .JOT TLD. Because the RSEP portal does not accept the required language table format, the Hindi language table has been submitted via the GDD portal for ICANN's review.

Consultation

Please describe with specificity your consultations with the community, experts and or others. What were the quantity, nature and content of the consultations?:

Amazon Registry consulted with its backend provider, Neustar.

a. If the registry is a sponsored TLD, what were the nature and content of these consultations with the sponsored TLD community?:

N/A

b. Were consultations with gTLD registrars or the registrar constituency appropriate? Which registrars were consulted? What were the nature and content of the consultation?:

N/A

c. Were consultations with other constituency groups appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?:

N/A
d. Were consultations with end users appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?:

N/A

e. Who would endorse the introduction of this service? What were the nature and content of these consultations?:

Amazon Registry believes that speakers of the Hindi language would support the ability to register and use domain names in their language script.

f. Who would object the introduction of this service? What were(or would be) the nature and content of these consultations?:

Amazon Registry sees no reason why any constituency or stakeholder group would object to offering registration of domain names in more languages.

Timeline

Please describe the timeline for implementation of the proposed new registry service:

Amazon Registry plans to offer this language as soon as ICANN has approved this service.

Business Description

Describe how the Proposed Service will be offered:

IDNs will be offered for registration through registrars accredited for the .JOT TLD.

Describe quality assurance plan or testing of Proposed Service:

The additional IDN table has been tested by Neustar.

Please list any relevant RFCs or White Papers on the proposed service and explain how those papers are relevant.: 
Contractual Provisions

List the relevant contractual provisions impacted by the Proposed Service:

Exhibit A, Section 4 will require amendment to reflect the new IDN language.

What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the reporting of data to ICANN:

None

What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the Whois:

None

Contract Amendments

Please describe or provide the necessary contractual amendments for the proposed service:

The following language should be added to Section 4 of Exhibit A as revised in Amendment No. 2 to the .JOT Registry Agreement dated 18 December 2014:

"4.3.19. Hindi language"

Benefits of Service

Describe the benefits of the Proposed Service:

Amazon seeks to be the Earth’s most customer-centric company. This goal applies also to our TLD registries and drives the decision to offer Hindi language domain names in the .JOT TLD by accredited registrars.

Allowing Hindi-speaking customers to register domain names in the Hindi language - regardless of their geographic location -- allows them to celebrate their language by having a domain name in their own language.
Competition

Do you believe your proposed new Registry Service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain:

Allowing Amazon Registry to offer this additional language gives Amazon Registry and the .JOT TLD a greater ability to compete with other TLDs.

How would you define the markets in which your proposed Registry Service would compete?:

The addition of the Hindi language would provide Amazon Registry with the opportunity to compete in many markets globally.

What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to your proposed Registry Service?:

Many registry operators permit multiple language script registration in their TLDs. See http://www.iana.org/domains/idn-tables for a current list.

In view of your status as a registry operator, would the introduction of your proposed Registry Service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?:

No.

Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed Registry Service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide?:

Yes. Amazon Registry has contracted with Neustar to provide the technical backend services for the .JOT TLD. Consequently, Neustar will provide the technical functionality to permit the registration of domain names in the Hindi language.

Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please describe the communications:

Yes. Amazon Registry has communicated with Neustar, its technical backend provider.
Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please submit them with your application. (ICANN will keep the documents confidential).

No.

Security and Stability

Does the proposed service alter the storage and input of Registry Data?:

Storage and input of Registry Data will not be altered.

Please explain how the proposed service will affect the throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems:

None

Have technical concerns been raised about the proposed service, and if so, how do you intend to address those concerns?:

None

Other Issues

Are there any Intellectual Property considerations raised by the Proposed Service:

No.

Does the proposed service contain intellectual property exclusive to your gTLD registry?:

No.

List Disclaimers provided to potential customers regarding the Proposed Service:
Any commercially reasonable disclaimers will be finalized and provided before the proposed service is offered to customers.

Any other relevant information to include with this request:

None