



Dear Registry Operator,

We are requesting your vote on the approval of the [proposed global amendment \(base RA Global Amendment\) to the base generic top-level domain \(gTLD\) Registry Agreement \(base RA\)](#) and the [proposed global amendment \(Spec 13 Global Amendment\) to Specification 13 \(Spec 13\)](#).

The proposed base RA Global Amendment incorporates operational requirements for providing Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) via the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), phases out certain obligations to provide RDDS via the WHOIS protocols, and contains the foundational requirement for registries to comply with the [gTLD RDAP Profile](#) to ensure registries and registrars provide responses via RDAP in a standardized format and consistent with ICANN Consensus Policies. The proposed Spec 13 Global Amendment includes updated definitions for RDDS related terms in Spec 13.

As an Applicable Brand Registry Operator, you will vote on two separate items within a single ballot: 1) a vote on the proposed base RA Global Amendment, and 2) a vote on the proposed Spec 13 Global Amendment. We kindly seek your vote prior to **23:59 UTC on 20 March 2023**.

**Voting options for the proposed base RA Global Amendment:**

1. **"Yes"** - voting "yes" means that you **approve** the proposed base RA Global Amendment.
2. **"No"** - voting "no" means that you **do not approve** the proposed base RA Global Amendment.

**Voting options for the proposed Spec 13 Global Amendment:**

3. **"Yes"** - voting "yes" means that you **approve** the proposed Spec 13 Global Amendment.
4. **"No"** - voting "no" means that you **do not approve** the proposed Spec 13 Global Amendment.

In the next few hours, you will receive an invitation to vote from a secure online voting platform. The email will be sent from [noreply@eballot.com](mailto:noreply@eballot.com).

Voting closes at **23:59 UTC on 20 March 2023**.

ICANN org appreciates your participation in the voting process.

Sincerely,

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