

# **Code of Conduct Exemption Request Form**

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”)  
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Los Angeles, California 90094  
Attention: New gTLD Program Staff

gTLD string: .bcn

Applicant Entity Name: The Barcelona City Council

Application ID#: 1-1820-23404

**RE: Request for Exemption from Registry Operator Code of Conduct**

The Barcelona City Council (from now on “the City Council”, in connection with the execution of the Registry Agreement for the .bcn TLD (the “Registry Agreement”), hereby requests an exemption from the obligations of the Registry Operator Code of Conduct set forth in Specification 9 to the Registry Agreement (the “Code of Conduct”). Pursuant to such request, Registry Operator confirms that each of the following statements is true and correct:

1. All domain name registrations in the TLD are registered to, and maintained by, Registry Operator or its Affiliates for the exclusive use of Registry Operator or its Affiliate (as defined in the Registry Agreement);
2. Registry Operator does not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in the TLD to any third party that is not an Affiliate of Registry Operator; and
3. Application of the Code of Conduct to the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

The City Council, included its intention to request an exemption from the Code of Conduct in its application. As stated in the answer to Question 18 b) (iv):

Considering that,

- (i) The City Council will register and maintain all domain name registrations within .bcn for its own exclusive use, and that
- (ii) The City Council will not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in .bcn to any third party that is not an Affiliate of the City Council and that;
- (iii) Application of the Registry Operator Code of Conduct contained in Specification 9 of the Base gTLD Registry Agreement to .bcn is not necessary to protect the public interest

The City Council will request the exemption to the above mentioned Registry Operator Code of Conduct, and expects ICANN to grant such exemption as the City Council provides reasonable satisfaction of the conditions hereof expressed. The City Council may in the future consider extending the use of domain names for employees, customers and partners, but this is not foreseen neither allowed in the current description of the registration policies.

Registry Operator represents that the registration policies attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** are a true and correct copy of the Registry Operator's registration policies for the TLD. Registry Operator agrees that if Registry Operator makes any changes to its registration policies (whether before or after an exemption has been granted), it will promptly provide ICANN with a revised set of registration policies.

Registry Operator acknowledges and agrees that in the event that any of the foregoing Statements becomes untrue (including after ICANN has granted an exemption pursuant to this exemption request), any Code of Conduct exemption granted by ICANN to Registry Operator for the TLD shall immediately expire, and Registry Operator shall (i) immediately notify ICANN specifying in reasonable detail the circumstances causing any of the Statements to be untrue and (ii) immediately comply with the Code of Conduct.

Registry Operator further acknowledges and agrees that ICANN may revoke this exemption at any time based upon evidence reasonably satisfactory to ICANN that the Statements have become untrue. In the event that ICANN provides notice that it has revoked this exemption, Registry Operator shall immediately comply with the Code of Conduct.

Questions about this request should be directed to:

[Redacted]

Director de Serveis Generals

Phone: [Redacted]

**EXHIBIT 1**

Registry Operator hereby acknowledges that the following are the true and correct registration policies for the TLD, as described in the answer to Question 18 b)(iv):

The .BCN TLD will be for the **EXCLUSIVE USE** of the Barcelona City Council. The Barcelona City Council does not contemplate, at this stage, opening the registration to any third party. Therefore, the mandatory registration agreement will refer to the following terms and conditions:

- a) Eligibility: The registrant will be the Barcelona City Council.
- b) Name selection: .BCN domain name registrations must be related to Barcelona City Council services and departments.
- c) Use and content: .BCN domain names may only be used in relationship to Barcelona City Council services and purposes, subject to the approval of the Barcelona City Council. Domain names used must be commensurate with the role and relevance of Barcelona City Council services.