Date: 17 June 2019

ICANN Final Determination
Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .BNL

On 20 February 2019, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .BNL Registry Agreement entered into on 24 July 2014. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org consulted with Banca Nazionale del Lavoro to assess whether to transition operation of the .BNL top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 12 April 2019, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .BNL TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN org’s review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and is based on various factors, including ICANN org’s assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. Banca Nazionale del Lavoro attested to and ICANN org confirmed the following:
- All domain name registrations in the TLD are registered to, and maintained by, Registry Operator or its Affiliates for their exclusive use, and
- 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.

On 12 May 2019, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org will proceed to terminate the .BNL Registry Agreement by 19 August 2019.

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