On 24 June 2016, Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française notified ICANN of its intent to terminate the .mutuelle Registry Agreement entered into on 18 June 2015. 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 consulted with Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française to assess whether to transition operation of the .mutuelle top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On November 4, 2016, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .mutuelle TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- Only one domain name is registered in the .mutuelle TLD and it is mandated by the Registry Agreement (nic.mutuelle).
- Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française, in its function as the Registry Operator has represented to ICANN that it does not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in the .mutuelle TLD to third parties.
- Transitioning operation of the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 4 December 2016, 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 will proceed to terminate the .mutuelle Registry Agreement by 21 December 2016.

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