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SU	<p>By Yulia Elanskaya, Deputy Director of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation</p> <p>Russia objects the release of Two-Character combination “.su” at the second level under any kind/all gTLD. We are concerned that the deceptive similarity of these two-letter combinations with country codes ccTLDs creates the risk of confusion and misleading of Internet users. This requirement should apply to all current and future requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not the Russian Federation or the corresponding country code operator. By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTld BNPPARIBAS, it is a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “SU”.</p>
RU	<p>By Yulia Elanskaya, Deputy Director of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation</p> <p>Russia objects the release of Two-Character combination “.ru” at the second level under any kind/all gTLD. We are concerned that the deceptive similarity of these two-letter combinations with country codes ccTLDs creates the risk of confusion and misleading of Internet users. This requirement should apply to all current and future requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not the Russian Federation or the corresponding country code operator. By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTld BNPPARIBAS, it is a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “RU”.</p>

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UK	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion, and any unintended consequences, the UK government wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of its country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not the United Kingdom or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed and that the label UK is currently blocked at the second level of the gTLD.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gtld BNPPARIBAS, it is a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “UK”.</p>
IT	<p>By Rita Forsi, Italia GAC Representative, Ministry of Economic Development With reference to the process for Considering Comments for Two-Character Letter/Letter Labels launched by ICANN on October 6, 2015, Italy restates its position expressed on March 25, 2015 (<a href="http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/twochar_comments/2015/000063.html">http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/twochar_comments/2015/000063.html</a>) and on May 14, 2015 (email attached).</p> <p>Italy does not object tout-court to the delegation of our ccSLD, but wants to exercise the right to evaluate the delegation of “it” as a SLD on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>The evaluation process takes into account not only the confusion risks, but also the national and international legal framework (e.g. IPR) and opportunity considerations (e.g. it.sucks).</p> <p>We would like to recall that both the Singapore and Dublin GAC Communiqué advise the Board that comments submitted by the relevant Governments be fully considered regardless of the grounds for objection.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not the Italian or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed and that IP Rights are widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gtld BNPPARIBAS, it is a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “IT”.</p>

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	<p>For the abovementioned reasons, we reiterate our position expressed in March 25 2015 for the release of the two-character “it” label at the second level under new gTLDs.</p> <p>In general, “it” label string may be released to the extent that the registry operator reaches a formal agreement with the Italian government (included our ccTLD registry “.it”) as per Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement. This policy is to be applied to all new gTLDs, including, but not limited to, those falling within Category 1 and Category 2 of the Beijing Communiqué. who have requested for the release of “it” labels at the second level. The authorization requests should be sent to the Italian GAC representatives.</p> <p>Furthermore, we would like to underline that these “lines-to-take” are agreed with the “.it” Registry.</p> <p>Rita Forsi</p>	
GB	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>The UK government notes that gb is a reserved ccTLD string. In order to avoid the potential for confusion, any unintended consequences and consistency within the DNS, the UK requests that this two character code must not be delegated for use as a second-level domain.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not the UK or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “GB”.</p>

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GI	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion and any unintended consequences, the administration of Gibraltar (UK overseas territory) wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of their country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Gibraltar or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “GI” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “GI”.</p>

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TC	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion and any unintended consequences, the administration of the Turks and Caicos Islands (UK overseas territory) wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of their country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Turks and Caicos Islands or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “TC” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “TC”.</p>
SH	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion and any unintended consequences, the administration of Saint Helena (UK overseas territory) wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of their country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Saint Helena or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “SH” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “SH”.</p>

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MS	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion and any unintended consequences, the administration of Montserrat (UK overseas territory) wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of their country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Montserrat or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “MS” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “MS”.</p>
KY	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion and any unintended consequences, the administration of Cayman Islands (UK overseas territory) wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of their country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Cayman Islands or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “KY” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “KY”.</p>

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IO	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion and any unintended consequences, the administration of British Indian Ocean Territory wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of their country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not British Indian Ocean or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “IO” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “IO”.</p>
BM	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>In order to avoid the potential for confusion and any unintended consequences, the administration of Bermuda (UK overseas territory) wish to be notified of all registry requests to use the two characters of their country code at the second level - and any existing requests should be put on hold accordingly until they have considered these requests.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Bermuda or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “BM” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “BM”.</p>

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FK	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>The administration of the Falkland Islands (UK overseas territory) have no objection to the use of two character domains which coincide with their ccTLD at the second level, and do not wish to be notified of such requests by registries.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Falkland Islands or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “FK”.</p>
NG	<p>By Nkiru Ebenmelu, GAC Rep, Nigerian Communications Commission</p> <p>Nigeria does not support the release of Two-Character ASCII Labels ".ng" or the use of "NIGERIA", in the context of any/all of the gTLD(s) at the second level. This should apply to all current and future requests. It is against Nigerian law and strictly prohibited to use the word "Nigeria" or code representing Nigeria without proper authorization by the Government. This assists the Country forestall the abuse and misuse of reserved names associated with the Government; the release would be a breach of our laws. We also wish to inform you that Nigeria reserves the right of authorization for use of “NGR” and “NGA”. As these are also reserved for use by Nigeria. (ISO 3166). We will appreciate it if we are informed of the decision(s) taken.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Nigeria or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “NG” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “NG”.</p>



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KR	<p>By Seonyoung Jeong, Assistant Director, Internet Policy Division, Internet Convergence Policy Bureau Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning</p> <p>KR is the country code for the republic of Korea. On behalf of the .kr registry and Korean government, we would like to submit a temporary objection to the release of the '.kr' at the second level under all new gTLDs UNTIL we, Korea government, set up the accurate criteria for releasing. This is sensitive issue for government so it is taking some time for government to consider.</p> <p>To reiterate, our objections are applied to all new gTLDs who have requested or will be requesting for the release of .kr at the second level until we set up the accurate criteria for releasing. Thank you.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not the Republic of Korea or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label "KR" on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code "KR".</p>
IL	<p>By Dr. Amir Adler, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Communications</p> <p>Request that "il" will be assigned under these TLDs only to a person, entity or corporation proposed or accepted by the Israeli Government, due to the following concerns:</p> <p>(1) Unproper or offensive utilization in conjunction with ".il".</p> <p>(2) Misleading association with the State of Israel.</p> <p>(3) Interference, or violation of the rights of domestic businesses and organizations.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label "IL" on hold unless its use is authorized. If authorized, BNPPARIBAS will neither make any unproper or offensive utilization of the label "IL", nor any misleading association with the State of Israel, nor any interference or violation of the rights of domestic businesses and organizations.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code "IL".</p>

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SG	<p>By Queh Ser Pheng, Deputy Director, Internet Resource Management, Policy &amp; Competition Development Group, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore</p> <p>We hereby respectfully submit our comment regarding the release of letter/letter two-character labels as second level domains.</p> <p>At this stage, we are unable to agree to the release of the two-character "sg" label at the second-level under gTLDs because of the concern that such use would create confusion with the ccTLD "sg" representing Singapore. Until further notice, this policy is to be applied to all gTLDs who have requested or will be requesting for the release of letter-letter two-character labels at the second level.</p> <p>To elaborate further, we are open to considering the release of "sg" to registry operators who have robust framework in place to address concerns of government. We recognise there are legitimate and valid reasons for such use. However, we are of the view that it is prudent for ICANN to first put in place a holistic and robust framework before approvals can be given. More thoughts need to be given to the evaluation process and in particular the remedies available should a registry operator use the approved names in an undesirable manner. Besides possible confusion with the corresponding country code and/or country/territory name, we are also concerned with:</p> <p>(a) The possible reputational harm if ".sg." is associated with illegal or objectionable content and/or manner-of-use; and</p> <p>(b) The direct harm if ".sg." content or manner-of-use targets Singapore as a nation or Singapore entities (e.g., websites could masquerade as Singapore Government agencies).</p> <p>ICANN's current policy focuses only on the "initial release" process. There needs to be considerations given to "post-release" issues. As such, the ICANN framework should include:</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Singapur or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label "SG" on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place are robust and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code "SG".</p>

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	<p>(a) A recourse for the government/country code manager to issue a notice to object to the content and/or manner-of-use that is misleading, questionable, objectionable or contrary to the country's reputation and laws. There should be an effective and robust process acceptable by the government/country code manager for the registry operator to address the concern; and</p> <p>(b) Provisions to require the registry operator to re-seek approval from government/country code manager should there be material changes in ownership or organisational control (for example merger with or acquisitions by another entity).</p> <p>In addition, ICANN must be committed to take actions against the registry operator should they fail to comply with the framework (e.g. implement a process for country/territory to raise objections to ICANN and for ICANN to take appropriate remedial actions such as remove/delete/revoke affected names).</p>	
PN	<p>By Nick Shorey, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p> <p>The administration in the Pitcairn Islands (UK overseas territory) have no objection to the use of two character domains which coincide with their ccTLD at the second level, and do not wish to be notified of such requests by registries.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Pitcairn Islands or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code "PN".</p>

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VN	<p>By Mo Le Thi Ngoc, Deputy Director General, Viet Nam Telecommunications Authority, Ministry of Information and Communications</p> <p>Dear ICANN,</p> <p>“vn” is the country code for Viet Nam. The release of the two-character “.vn” label at the second-level under new gTLDs would create confusion with the ccTLD “.vn”. On behalf of Viet Nam government, I would like to submit an objection to the release of the “.vn” at the second level under all new gTLDs.</p> <p>Viet Nam is setting up the accurate criteria for releasing this two character at the second level domain names under new gTLDs . This is sensitive issue for government so it is taking some time for government to consider.</p> <p>To reiterate, our objections are applied to all new gTLDs who have requested or will be requesting for the release of “.vn” at the second level until we set up the accurate criteria for releasing and send notice to ICANN. Thank you and best regards,</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not the Vietnam or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label “VN” on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code “VN”.</p>

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IN	<p>By Rahul Gosain, Director, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of communication and Information Technology</p> <p>India is not favouring the release of Two-Character ASCII labels "in", "1n" and deceptively similar as the ccTLD ".in" at the second level. ICANN is requested that India's objection on release of Two-character ASCII labels "in" and "1n" at the second level should apply to all current and future requests from new gTLD's</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b> BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not India or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label "IN" on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code "IN".</p>

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PT	<p>By Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Director, Information Society, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education</p> <p>I request previous comments to objections to the release of the ".pt" as the SLD signalling 1) consumer protection concerns and confusion; 2) some gTLD correspond to a regulated market in EU countries, so their release might generate possible abuses and confusion at the end-users level and therefore must be subject to authorization by the Portuguese Government; 3) others should remain reserved so that can only be assigned to a person, entity or corporation proposed or accepted by the Portuguese Government, which demands consultations with the Portuguese Government. These comments are due to the ICANN's new process launched on the 6th October 2015 on the use of the 2-letter CC and CN at the SLD, taken into account nonetheless GAC's advice from Dublin Communiqué (October 2015). Confusability exists in all instances since the PT code is widely recognized both on and off the Internet as an identifier for Portugal. In this regard, we are concerned that consumers assume that persons or undertakings operating under "pt.string" not only offer their services in Portugal or products or services related to Portugal but that they comply with applicable regulations. As this may not be warranted by registration policies and contracts, we would request Portuguese Government is consulted before any registration, regardless of the grounds for objection. Portugal reserves the right to change position in this regard in the future.</p> <p>The Portuguese Government will continue to closely follow the evolution of the market and of the technical and political framework to collect data and evidence to better understand the consequences of such release.</p>	<p><b>Brief explanation of the TLD:</b> The TLD .BNPPARIBAS belongs to BNPPARIBAS a financial institution of high repute, known worldwide and is a closed TLD restricted to BNPPARIBAS its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees. The BNPPARIBAS gTLD is intended for the exclusive use of BNPPARIBAS products, services and branding purposes.</p> <p><b>Protections:</b></p> <p>BNPPARIBAS for the .BNPPARIBAS TLD has executed the Specification 13 to the Registry Agreement. Specification 13 already contractually requires that BNPPARIBAS will apply measures which, by their very nature, avoid confusion with the corresponding country code, namely the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .BNPPARIBAS is identical to a qualifying registered trademark;</li> <li>2. .BNPPARIBAS is not a Generic String, as this is defined in Specification 11;</li> <li>3. .BNPPARIBAS TLD has developed and implemented a closed registration policy for .BNPPARIBAS that requires that all domain names in the .BNPPARIBAS TLD be registered ONLY by Registry Operator, its Affiliates, and its Trademark Licensees;</li> <li>4. As required under the Registry Agreement, the .BNPPARIBAS TLD clearly published this registration policy;</li> <li>5. .BNPPARIBAS TLD will conduct internal reviews at least once per calendar year to ensure continued compliance with Specification 13.</li> </ol> <p>Compliance with Specification 13 prohibits the .BNPPARIBAS TLD from registering domain names to unaffiliated third parties and thus clearly designate to the public that .BNPPARIBAS TLD is a proprietary space in which all second-level domains in the TLD are being operated by BNPPARIBAS, its Affiliates and Trademark Licensees and not Portuguese or the corresponding country code operator.</p> <p>By this proposed plan BNPPARIBAS confirms that all registrations of two letter domain names shall comply with the requirements of Specification 13. In addition BNPPARIBAS has put the label "PT" on hold unless its use is authorized.</p> <p>It can be added that all domain name registration requests under the TLD BNPPARIBAS are centralized within BNPPARIBAS to ensure that all deposits are compliant with Specification 13 when they are processed.</p> <p>As regards risks of potential malicious use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS, it is also a problem widely taken into account by BNPPARIBAS. Indeed BNPPARIBAS has a CSIRT (Corporate Security Incident Response Team) member of the FIRST (Forum of Incidental Response and Security Teams) and of the Task Force-CSIRT. This task force promotes collaboration and coordination between CSIRTs in Europe and neighboring regions, whilst liaising with relevant organisations at the global level and in other regions. The gTLD BNPPARIBAS is part of the CSIRT processes.</p> <p>Thus BNPPARIBAS processes in place and the use of the gTLD BNPPARIBAS avoid confusion with the ISO code "PT".</p>

