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Via Email

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RE: Modified Verification Code Extension for Extensible Provisioning Protocol Service and Modified Domain Name Registration Validation per Applicable Law Service for gTLDs .com and .net (RSEP ID: #01247586)

ICANN has conducted a preliminary review of the [request](#) from VeriSign, Inc. ("Verisign") to modify its previously approved services for the gTLDs .com and .net: Verification Code Extension for Extensible Provisioning Protocol Service ([authorized](#) by ICANN org on 27 February 2017 with a subsequent modification [authorized](#) on 14 February 2022) and Domain Name Registration Validation per Applicable Law Service ([authorized](#) by ICANN org on 8 September 2022). Verisign is requesting to modify the above referenced services solely to allow for the receipt of EPP commands and responses by applicable registrars through a Supplementary Registration Proxy ("SRP") to Verisign's authoritative shared registration system in accordance with the criteria required to comply with applicable local law requirements. Verisign's proposed use of an SRP will have no effect on the provision of Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) or on the measurement of performance specifications under the .com and .net Registry Agreements. The SRP will be responsible for implementing domain name validation requirements and performing the services of a Verification Service Provider ("VSP") on behalf of the registrars in the manner previously authorized by ICANN. The SRP will serve as a conduit to pass EPP commands and responses as received between registrars and Verisign's authoritative Shared Registration System ("SRS"), which remains the authoritative source of all registry data and the measurement of performance specifications under the .com and .net Registry Agreements.


ICANN determined the request did not raise significant Security, Stability or competition issues as defined in Section 3.1(d)(iv) of the .com and .net Registry Agreements and [RSEP](#). ICANN further determined that implementation of the proposed service does not require a material change to the Registry Agreements. Verisign is free to deploy as proposed based on the conditions below and as provided in Verisign's proposal:

1. Subject to the criteria required to comply with applicable local law, Registry Operator's agreement with an SRP shall include: (a) the appropriate non-discriminatory access requirements in Section 7.1(a) of the .com and .net Registry Agreements and (b) the appropriate SRS Service Availability requirements in Section 6.2.2 of Appendix 7 of the .com and .net Registry Agreements.



2. Registry Operator must provide ICANN with notification of any change in the SRP(s) selected by Verisign.
3. Upon ICANN's request, Registry Operator shall provide an additional Registry Functions Activity Report(s) for each SRP jurisdiction in the format set forth in Appendix 4A of the .com Registry Agreement and Appendix 4 of the .net Registry Agreement and in a manner and timeframe mutually agreed upon by Registry Operator and ICANN.
4. Upon ICANN's request and in a manner and timeframe mutually agreed upon by Registry Operator and ICANN, Registry Operator shall provide an additional registration data file(s) for the SRP instance according to the requirements of Section 2.1 of Appendix 5A of the .com Registry Agreement and Section 5.1 of Appendix 5A of the .net Registry Agreement with the data objects for which the SRP operator is allowed to receive transactions in the SRS.

Sincerely,

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