Dear Registry Operators,

ICANN has updated the Registry System Testing (RST) process and documentation to align with the sunset of WHOIS obligations, as described in the 2023 global amendment to the Base gTLD Registry Agreement.

For Registry Operators scheduling RST appointments with a test date after **12 January 2025**, WHOIS test cases will be considered deprecated in RST v1.0.

Please note that EPP testing will now rely on the Registry Operator's RDAP service instead of WHOIS to confirm that SRS updates have been processed successfully. The RST contact will be asked to provide the RDAP base URL to be used solely to verify the result of applicable EPP test cases.

The update to RST v1.0 includes revised documentation across multiple test areas. The following documents have been updated to reflect these changes:

- RST Input Data Templates
- RST Input Data Instructions
- RST Materials Update Guide
- RST Test Specifications

For any questions, please contact globalsupport@icann.org.

Best regards,

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