



Dear ICANN Trademark Database User,

We are writing to inform you that the operator of the Trademark Database (TMDB) has notified us of an upcoming transition to a new issuing Certificate Authority (CA) for its TLS certificates. As part of this transition, new TLS certificates will be deployed for the following Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) services:

- CNIS
- DNL
- SMDRL
- SURL
- LORDN
- The TMDB web

application: [\[marksdb.org\]](https://marksdb.org)<https://marksdb.org> [\[marksdb.org\]](https://marksdb.org)

Effective **21 September 2026**, the existing Sectigo-issued TLS certificates for these services will be replaced with certificates issued by **Let's Encrypt**.

Registry Operators (and/or their Registry Service Provider(s)) and registrars should ensure that any HTTPS clients connecting to these services are configured to trust TLS certificates issued by Let's Encrypt no later than **21 September 2026**. This action is generally required only where clients implement certificate pinning or are configured to trust only a limited set of Certificate Authorities.

Additional information regarding Let's Encrypt's certificate chains of trust is available

at: [\[letsencrypt.org\]](https://letsencrypt.org)<https://letsencrypt.org/certificates/> [\[letsencrypt.org\]](https://letsencrypt.org).

Organizations whose systems rely on certificate or CA pinning should update their trust configuration before the transition date to avoid any interruption in connectivity.

For any questions, please contact [ICANN Global Support](#).

Best Regards,
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