

RSEP Fast Track-Registry Lock

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Registry Operator
Microsoft Corporation

Request Details
Case Number: 01461266

Service Description

This service request should be used to submit a Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request to implement the Registry Lock service. The purpose of the Registry Lock Service is to help protect against accidental or inadvertent modifications to, deletions, or transfers of domain name registration data.

The statements below reflect the standard implementation of the proposed service with no apparent significant security or stability issues as well as the standard amendment language for Registry Lock. Please note this request will be published on the ICANN org [RSEP webpage](#) upon completion of the Completeness Check, which will be within 5 days from submission.

If any of the statements below do not apply to your registry's implementation of the proposed service, this RSEP Fast Track request may not be used. Instead, you must submit a standard "RSEP (Registry Services Evaluation Policy)" request. Please [click here](#) for more information about the process.

Complete the information requested below. All answers marked with a red asterisk are required. Click the Save button to save your work and click the Submit button to submit to ICANN.

Registry Operator Confirmation

1. My registry requests to implement the Registry Lock service for the TLDs included in this request.

Yes

2. My registry confirms the amendment language below represents the proposed service in this RSEP request and my registry agrees to execute the Registry Agreement amendment without modification.

Note: amendment execution will occur once the request has successfully passed ICANN Review for security, stability, and competition.

Registry Lock

Registry Operator may offer the Registry Lock service, which is a Registry Service that allows an authorized representative from the sponsoring Registrar to request the activation or deactivation of any of the following EPP statuses: serverUpdateProhibited, serverDeleteProhibited, and/or serverTransferProhibited.

Yes

Competition Questions

1. Do you believe the proposed service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.

No

2. How would you define the markets in which the proposed service would compete?

Domain registration market.

3. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to the proposed service?

Numerous other TLD registries provide similar registry lock services.

4. In view of your status as a Registry Operator, would the introduction of the proposed service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?

No

5. Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.

Yes, we will work with our RSP, Nominet, to implement the service.

6. Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of the proposed service? If so, please describe the communications.

No

7. Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of this proposed service? If so, please submit them with your application. ICANN will keep the documents confidential.

Affected TLDs

Current Registry Operator	Top Level Domain	Registry Agreement Date
Microsoft Corporation	.azure	2014-12-18
Microsoft Corporation	.bing	2014-12-18
Microsoft Corporation	.hotmail	2014-12-18
Microsoft Corporation	.microsoft	2014-12-18
Microsoft Corporation	.office	2015-03-12
Microsoft Corporation	.skype	2014-12-18
Microsoft Corporation	.windows	2014-12-18
Microsoft Corporation	.xbox	2014-12-18