

## Overview of Policy Updates

As mentioned in the Guided Submission form for the Next Round RA Public Comment proceeding, below is a list of proposed policy updates by topic area with the corresponding Next Round RA section reference for each of the changes, listed in order of appearance in the SubPro PDP Final Report (or as otherwise noted).

Source	Topic	Reference	Notes
SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendation 17.2	Reduced fees for approved Applicant Support Program (ASP) applicants	Alternative Section 6.1(a)	Alternative Section 6.1(a)(Registry-Level Fees) provides a schedule for (and conditions to retain) reduced Registry-Level Fixed Fees for gTLDs operated by a Registry Operator that received support through ICANN's Applicant Support Program.
SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendation 17.17	Change of Control and Assignments for ASP applicants	Section 7.5(g)	For gTLDs operated by a Registry Operator that received support through ICANN's Applicant Support Program, additional Section 7.5(g) provides that change of control and assignments generally will not be permitted from years 0-3, and from years 3-7, change of control and assignments may be possible if all support funding received through the Applicant Support Program is paid back to ICANN.
SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendation 20.8	Application Change Requests - .Brand TLDs	Specification 13, Alternative Sections 9.3(i) and 9.5	.BRAND TLDs can change the applied-for string as a result of a contention set. As a result, the definition of .BRAND TLDs has been updated to be consistent with the policy requirements and alternative text is provided in Spec 13, Section 9.3(i) and Section 9.5 to accommodate such change.

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SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendation 21.6	Two-Character ASCII Labels	Specification 5, Section 2	ICANN updated Spec 5, Section 2 to include measures for second level Letter/Letter Two-Character ASCII Labels to Avoid Confusion with Corresponding Country Codes (approved by the ICANN Board 8 Nov 2016). Refer to: <a href="https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/vised-measures-ltr-ltr-two-char-ascii-labels-country-codes-08nov16-en.pdf">https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/vised-measures-ltr-ltr-two-char-ascii-labels-country-codes-08nov16-en.pdf</a>
SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendation 22.5	Continued Operations Instrument (COI)	Deleted all references to COI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 1.3(iii)</li> <li>• Section 2.12</li> <li>• Section 2.13(f)</li> <li>• Section 4.3(c)</li> <li>• Section 4.5</li> <li>• Section 7.16(f)</li> <li>• Specification 8</li> </ul>	No longer a requirement.
SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendations 25.5, 25.6, 25.7, 25.8  Phase 1 Final Report of IDN EPDP)	Variant TLDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 2.23</li> <li>• Specification 14</li> <li>• Updated references from “IDN Variants” to “second-level names” Specification 5, Sections 1, 3.2, 3.3, 4, 5, &amp; 6 to avoid confusion</li> <li>• Specification 6, Section 7</li> </ul>	<p>Updated to reflect recommendations and policy updates. The introduction of variant gTLDs requires a significant number of new requirements in the Next Round RA that are represented in the new Specification 14. Those requirements impact covenants and specifications throughout the Next Round RA that are now also added as proposed provisions where applicable.</p> <p>Note that Recommendations 7.4 and 7.5 of the Phase I Final Report on IDN EPDP are pending ICANN Board adoption.</p>

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SubPro PDP Final Report - Implementation Guidance 26.5	Delegation Testing	Section 2.20	Updated to reflect implementation guidance to delay addition to the root zone in case of DNS service instabilities.
SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendations 9.10 and 31.17	Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs)	Specification 11, Section 2(a) and 2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rec. 9.10: Specification 11, Section 2(a): Updated to reflect the Board-approved SubPro policy recommendation to reflect new terminology and to require the inclusion of all such commitments in the applicable Next Round RA, upon ICANN approval, per Board direction that commitments must be enforceable as a practicable matter and under the ICANN Bylaws.</li> <li>● Rec. 31.7: Specification 11, Section 2(b): Recognizes commitments made by the Registry Operator to resolve an objection or GAC advice.</li> </ul>
SubPro PDP Final Report - Recommendation 36.4	Fraudulent and Deceptive Practices	Section 4.3(f)(iii) and Specification 11(e)	Still under discussion with the SubPro IRT.
ICANN Consensus Policy - Registration Data Policy	Updates to registration data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spec 2 – Part A – 5.3</li> <li>● Spec 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1.1.3 - updated</li> <li>○ 1.1.5 - removed</li> <li>○ 1.1.6 - removed</li> <li>○ 1.2.3 – moved to 1.9</li> <li>○ 1.3.2 - updated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Added updates based on the Registration Data Policy.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1.4 - omitted</li> <li>○ 1.5 - updated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 1.5.1 – updated</li> <li>■ 1.5.2 - updated</li> <li>■ 1.5.6 - updated</li> <li>■ 1.5.7 – removed</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 1.6 – removed</li> <li>○ 1.9 – moved from 1.2.3</li> <li>○ 3.1 – updated</li> <li>○ 3.1.1 – updated</li> <li>○ 3.2 – updated</li> </ul>	
ICANN Consensus Policy - Protection of Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) Identifiers in All gTLDs Policy	IGO/INGOs	Specification 5, Section 6	Updated to reflect the consensus policy requirements in the Protection of IGO and INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs Policy.
Phase 1 Final Report on the Review of All RPMs - Sunrise Final Rec 1	Compliance with RPMs	Specifications 7, Section 1	Still under discussion with the SubPro IRT.
Phase 1 Final Report on the Review of All RPMs - Trademark Claims Final Rec 1	No Sunrise or Claims Period for .Brand TLDs and Code of Conduct Exempt Registry Operators	Specification 9, Sections 6 and 7 and Specification 13, Section 4	Updated to reflect updated RPM policy work and TMCH Requirements.

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Community Registration Policies from the Applicant Guidebook	Community Registration Policies	Section 2.21 and Specification 12	Clean up changes to align with the Applicant Guidebook (Section 6.8.4) and conform with Specification 12