

2022 GLOBAL AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION 13

This 2022 Global Amendment to Specification 13 (this “**2022 Amendment**”), effective as of [●], amends Specification 13 to the registry agreements for each top-level domain (“TLD”) meeting the requirements of the definition of a .Brand TLD, as listed on Schedule A (the “**Applicable Registry Agreements**”) entered into between Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (“**ICANN**”), and the Applicable Registry Operators party to such Applicable Registry Agreements. This 2022 Amendment is made and is effective pursuant to Section 7.7 of the Applicable Registry Agreements. Capitalized terms used and not defined in this 2022 Amendment will have the respective meanings given thereto in the Applicable Registry Agreements.

WHEREAS, the Applicable Registry Agreements may be amended pursuant to the requirements of and process set forth in (a) Section 7.7 of the Applicable Registry Agreements and (b) Section 11 of the Specification 13 of the Applicable Registry Agreements;

WHEREAS, ICANN and the Working Group have consulted in good faith regarding the form and substance of this 2022 Amendment;

WHEREAS, ICANN has publicly posted this 2022 Amendment on its website for no less than 30 calendar days and has provided notice of this 2022 Amendment to the Applicable Registry Operators in accordance with Section 7.9 of the Applicable Registry Agreements;

WHEREAS, ICANN and the Working Group have considered the public comments submitted on this 2022 Amendment during the Posting Period;

WHEREAS, on [●], this 2022 Amendment was approved by the ICANN Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, on [●], this 2022 Amendment received Registry Operator Approval;

WHEREAS, on [●], this 2022 Amendment received Brand Registry Operator Approval;

WHEREAS, on [●], ICANN provided the Applicable Registry Operators with notice that this 2022 Amendment was an Approved Amendment (the “2022 Amendment Notice Date”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.7(c) of the Applicable Registry Agreements, this 2022 Amendment will, without any further action by ICANN or the Applicable Registry Operators, be effective and deemed an amendment to the Applicable Registry Agreements on [●] (the “2022 Amendment Effective Date”), the date that is 60 calendar days from the 2022 Amendment Notice Date.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals acknowledged herein by reference, this 2022 Amendment will be deemed an effective amendment to each of the Applicable Registry Agreements as of the 2022 Amendment Effective Date.

1. Section 4.5 of each Applicable Registry Agreement was superseded by a new Section 4.5 included in Section 6 of Specification 13. Section 4.5(c) included in Section 6 of Specification 13 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, an Emergency Operator will not be considered a successor registry operator for purposes of this Section 4.5. In addition, this Section 4.5 shall not prohibit ICANN from accepting applications for or delegating the TLD pursuant to a future application process for the delegation of top-level domains, subject to any processes and objection procedures instituted by ICANN in connection with such application process intended to protect the rights of third parties. Registry Operator agrees that ICANN may make any changes it deems necessary to the IANA database with respect to the TLD in the event of a transition of the TLD pursuant to this Section 4.5. In addition, ICANN or its designee shall retain and may enforce its rights under the Continued Operations Instrument for the maintenance and operation of the TLD, regardless of the reason for termination or expiration of the Agreement.

Schedule A

[List of Applicable Registry Agreements]