2024 GLOBAL AMENDMENT TO REGISTRY AGREEMENTS

This 2024 Global Amendment to Registry Agreements (this “2024 Amendment”), effective as of [●], amends the registry agreements 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 2024 Amendment is made and is effective pursuant to Section 7.7 of the Applicable Registry Agreements. Capitalized terms used and not defined in this 2024 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, Section 7.7 of the Applicable Registry Agreements;

WHEREAS, ICANN and the Working Group have consulted in good faith regarding the form and substance of this 2024 Amendment;

WHEREAS, ICANN has publicly posted this 2024 Amendment on its website for no less than 30 calendar days and has provided notice of this 2024 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 2024 Amendment during the Posting Period;

WHEREAS, on [●], this 2024 Amendment received Registry Operator Approval;

WHEREAS, on [●], this 2024 Amendment was approved by the ICANN Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, on [●], ICANN provided the Applicable Registry Operators with notice that this 2024 Amendment was an Approved Amendment (the “2024 Amendment Notice Date”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.7(c) of the Applicable Registry Agreements, this 2024 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 “2024 Amendment Effective Date”), the date that is 60 calendar days from the 2024 Amendment Notice Date.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals acknowledged herein by reference, this 2024 Amendment will be deemed an effective amendment to each of the Applicable Registry Agreements as of the 2024 Amendment Effective Date.

1. Section 4 of Specification 6 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

4. Abuse Mitigation
4.1. Abuse Contact. Registry Operator shall provide to ICANN and publish on its website its accurate contact details including a valid email address or webform and mailing address as well as a primary contact for handling reports related to malicious conduct in the TLD, including DNS Abuse, and will provide ICANN with prompt notice of any changes to such contact details. Upon receipt of such reports, Registry Operator shall provide the reporter with confirmation that it has received the report.

For the purposes of this Agreement, “DNS Abuse” is defined as malware, botnets, phishing, pharming, and spam (when spam serves as a delivery mechanism for the other forms of DNS Abuse listed in this Section) as those terms are defined in Section 2.1 of SAC115 (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-115-en.pdf>).

4.2 DNS Abuse Mitigation. Where a Registry Operator reasonably determines, based on actionable evidence, that a registered domain name in the TLD is being used for DNS Abuse, Registry Operator must promptly take the appropriate mitigation action(s) that are reasonably necessary to contribute to stopping, or otherwise disrupting, the domain name from being used for DNS Abuse. Such action(s) shall, at a minimum, include: (i) the referral of the domains being used for the DNS Abuse, along with relevant evidence, to the sponsoring registrar; or (ii) the taking of direct action, by the Registry Operator, where the Registry Operator deems appropriate. Action(s) may vary depending on the circumstances of each case, taking into account the severity of the harm from the DNS Abuse and the possibility of associated collateral damage.

4.3. Malicious Use of Orphan Glue Records. Registry Operator shall take action to remove orphan glue records (as defined at https://www.icann.org/en/committees/security/sac048.pdf) when provided with evidence in written form that such records are present in connection with malicious conduct.

2. Section 3(b) of Specification 11 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

b) Registry Operator will periodically conduct a technical analysis to assess whether domains in the TLD are being used to perpetrate DNS Abuse. Registry Operator will maintain statistical reports on identified DNS Abuse and the actions taken as a result of the periodic security checks. Registry Operator will maintain these reports for the term of the Agreement unless a shorter period is required by law or approved by ICANN, and will provide them to ICANN upon request.
Schedule A
[Applicable Registry Agreements – Identified by TLD]