

26 January 2024

ICANN Preliminary Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .avianca Top-Level Domain

On 24 November 2023, Avianca Inc. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .avianca Registry Agreement entered into on 08 January 2015. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org consulted with Avianca Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the .avianca top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN org has made a preliminary determination that operation of the .avianca TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN org's review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and are based on various factors, including ICANN org's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. Avianca Inc. attested and ICANN org confirmed that there are no domain name registrations in the .avianca TLD beyond those required by the Registry Agreement.

Before releasing its final determination, ICANN org will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org. The deadline to submit input is 25 February 2024 – 23:59 UTC.

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