

13 December 2023

ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement -
.bananarepublic

On 19 September 2023, The Gap, Inc. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .bananarepublic Registry Agreement entered into on 31 July 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 (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org consulted with The Gap, Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the .bananarepublic top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 17 October 2023, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .bananarepublic TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

1. .bananarepublic qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 16 November 2023, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org will proceed to terminate the .bananarepublic Registry Agreement by 17 March 2024.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org may not delegate the TLD to a successor registry operator for a period of two years without Registry Operator's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

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