

05 May 2023

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 11 January 2023, Lifestyle Domain Holdings, Inc. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .cookingchannel Registry Agreement entered into on 02 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 Lifestyle Domain Holdings, Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the .cookingchannel top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 23 March 2023, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .cookingchannel TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 22 April 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 .cookingchannel Registry Agreement by 10 July 2023.

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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