



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN")  
12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300  
Los Angeles, California 90094  
Attention: New gTLD Program Staff

RE: Request for Exemption from Registry Operator Code of Conduct

CAIXA D'ESTALVIS I PENSIONS DE BARCELONA, "la Caixa", ("Registry Operator"), in connection with the execution of the Registry Agreement for the .lacaixa TLD (the "Registry Agreement"), hereby requests an exemption from the obligations of the Registry Operator Code of Conduct set forth in Specification 9 to the Registry Agreement (the "Code of Conduct"). Pursuant to such request, Registry Operator confirms that each of the following statements is true and correct (collectively, referred to as the "Statements"):

1. All domain name registrations in the TLD are registered to, and maintained by, Registry Operator for the exclusive use of Registry Operator or its Affiliate (as defined in the Registry Agreement);
2. Registry Operator does not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in the TLD to any third party that is not an Affiliate of Registry Operator; and
3. Application of the Code of Conduct to the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest for the following reasons:

"la Caixa" included its intention to request an exemption from the Code of Conduct in its application. As stated in the answer to Question 18 b) (iv):

(i) "la Caixa" will register and maintain all domain name registrations within .lacaixa for its own exclusive use, and that

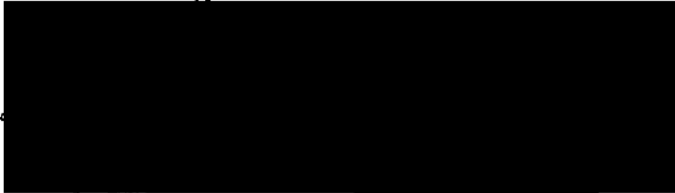
(ii) "la Caixa" will not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in .lacaixa to any third party that is not an Affiliate of "la Caixa", and that;

(iii) application of the Registry Operator Code of Conduct contained in Specification 9 of the Base gTLD Registry Agreement to .lacaixa is not necessary to protect the public interest;

"la Caixa" will request the exemption to the above mentioned Registry Operator Code of Conduct, and expects ICANN to grant such exemption as "la Caixa" provides reasonable satisfaction of the conditions hereof expressed. "la Caixa" may in the future consider extending the use of domain names for employees, customers and partners, but this is not foreseen neither allowed in the current description of the registration policies.

Registry Operator represents that the registration policies attached hereto as Schedule A are a true and correct copy of the Registry Operator's registration policies for the TLD. Registry Operator agrees to notify ICANN promptly in writing in the event any of the Statements has become untrue (whether before or after an exemption has been granted). Registry Operator further acknowledges and agrees that the Exemption will be void if at any time any of the Statements has become untrue.

Yours sincerely,

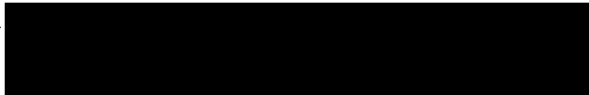
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### Schedule A

Registry Operator hereby acknowledges that the following are the true and correct registration policies for the TLD:

The .lacaixa TLD will be for the exclusive use of "la Caixa" and its Affiliates for the Group's services and purposes. "la Caixa" does not contemplate at this stage opening the registration to any third party. Therefore, the mandatory registration agreement will refer to the following terms and conditions:

- a) Eligibility: The registrant will be "la Caixa" or any Affiliate.
- b) Name selection: .lacaixa domain name registrations must be related to "la Caixa" Group services and products.
- c) Use and content: .lacaixa domain names may only be used in relationship to "la Caixa" 'or its Affiliates' services and purposes, subject to the approval of "la Caixa". Domain names used must be commensurate to the role and importance of "la Caixa" services.