



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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ICANN Preliminary Determination

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

On 24 June 2016, Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française notified ICANN of its intent to terminate the .MUTUELLE Registry Agreement entered into on 18 June 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 consulted with Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française to assess whether to transition operation of the .MUTUELLE top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an on-going evaluation, ICANN has made a preliminary determination that operation of the .MUTUELLE TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN's review and determinations regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement.

ICANN's preliminary determination is based on the following rationale:

- Only one domain name is registered in the .MUTUELLE TLD and it is mandated by the Registry Agreement (nic.MUTUELLE).
- Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française, in its function as the Registry Operator has represented to ICANN that it does not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in the .MUTUELLE TLD to third parties.
- Transitioning operation of the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.



Before releasing its final determination, ICANN will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org . The deadline to submit input is 5 December 2016 – 23:59 UTC.

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