

**SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE .NAME REGISTRY
AGREEMENT**

This **SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE .NAME REGISTRY AGREEMENT** (“**Amendment 6**”) is dated as of _____ (the “**Amendment 6 Effective Date**”) and is entered into by and between the **INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS**, a California non-profit public benefit corporation (“**ICANN**”) and **VERISIGN, INC.**, a Delaware corporation (“**Verisign**”), and amends the Parties’ .name Registry Agreement effective as of December 1, 2012, as amended by the First Amendment to the .name Registry Agreement dated November 2, 2016, the Second Amendment to the .name Registry Agreement dated August 8, 2018, the Third Amendment to the .name Registry Agreement dated August 5, 2020, the Fourth Amendment to the .name Registry Agreement dated August 3, 2021, and the Fifth Amendment to the .name Registry Agreement dated December 6, 2021 (collectively, the “**Agreement**”). Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Agreement. ICANN and Verisign may be referred to individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties**.”

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to extend the term of the Agreement and make other changes as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, mutual covenants and agreements in this Amendment 6, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Section 4.1 (Term) of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Section 4.1 Term. The term of this Agreement shall expire on August 15, 2025 (the “Expiration Date”), as extended by any renewal terms.”

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, the Negotiation Period (as defined in Section 3.1(c)(vi)(C) of the Agreement) for the RDAP Negotiation Request provided by Verisign to ICANN on June 15, 2023, shall be extended to December 1, 2024, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing.

3. Section 8.8 (Notices, Designations, and Specifications) of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Section 8.8 Notices, Designations, and Specifications. All notices to be given under or in relation to this Agreement shall be given either (i) in writing at the address of the appropriate party as set forth below or (ii) via electronic mail as provided below, unless that party has given a notice of change of postal or email address, as provided in this Agreement. Any change in the contact information for notice below shall be given by the party within 30 days of such change. Any notice required by this Agreement shall be deemed to have been properly given (i) if in paper form, when delivered in person or via courier service with confirmation of receipt or (ii) by electronic mail, upon confirmation of receipt

by the recipient's email server. Whenever this Agreement shall specify a URL address for certain information, Registry Operator shall be deemed to have been given notice of any such information when electronically posted at the designated URL. In the event other means of notice shall become practically achievable, such as notice via a secure website, the parties shall work together to implement such notice means under this Agreement.

If to ICANN, addressed to:

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90094-2536
Telephone: +1 310 301 5800
Attention: President and CEO
With a Required Copy to: General Counsel
Email: (As specified from time to time.)

If to Registry Operator, addressed to:

VeriSign, Inc.
12061 Bluemont Way
Reston, VA 20190
Telephone: 1-703-948-3200
Attention: SVP, Deputy General Counsel
With a Required Copy to: General Counsel
Email: (As specified from time to time.)”

4. Section 11.2 of Appendix 7 (Functional Specifications) of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Registry Operator shall provide to ICANN and publish on its website its accurate contact details including a valid email address or webform and mailing address as well as a primary contact for handling reports related to malicious conduct in the TLD, including DNS Abuse, as defined in Appendix 12, Section (c) (Public Interest Commitments), and will provide ICANN with prompt notice of any changes to such contact details. Upon receipt of such reports, Registry Operator shall provide the reporter with confirmation that it has received the report.”

5. Section b of Appendix 12 (Public Interest Commitments) of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“b. Registry Operator will periodically, but no less frequently than on a monthly basis, conduct a technical analysis to assess whether domains in the TLD are being used to perpetrate DNS Abuse. Registry Operator will maintain statistical reports on identified DNS Abuse and the actions taken as a result of the periodic technical analysis. Registry Operator will maintain these reports for the current term of the

Agreement unless a shorter period is required by law or approved by ICANN, and will provide them to ICANN upon request.”

6. The following new Section c shall be added to Appendix 12 (Public Interest Commitments) of the Agreement:

“c. Where Registry Operator reasonably determines, based on actionable evidence, that a registered domain name in the TLD is being used for DNS Abuse, Registry Operator must promptly take the appropriate mitigation action(s) that are reasonably necessary to contribute to stopping, or otherwise disrupting, the domain name from being used for DNS Abuse. Such action(s) shall, at a minimum, include: (i) the referral of the domains being used for the DNS Abuse, along with relevant evidence, to the sponsoring registrar; or (ii) the taking of direct action, by Registry Operator, where Registry Operator deems appropriate. Action(s) may vary depending on the circumstances of each case, taking into account the severity of the harm from the DNS Abuse and the possibility of associated collateral damage. For the purposes of this Agreement, “DNS Abuse” is defined as malware, botnets, phishing, pharming, and spam (when spam serves as a delivery mechanism for the other forms of DNS Abuse listed in this definition) as those terms are defined in Section 2.1 of SAC115 (March 19, 2021) (<<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-115-en.pdf>>).”

7. **Agreement; No Other Amendment; Reaffirmation.** Except as amended by this Amendment 6, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect according to its terms and shall be read and construed as if the terms of this Amendment 6 were included therein. The Parties acknowledge and agree that each shall be bound and obligated to perform all of its respective obligations under the Agreement as amended by this Amendment 6, and that all references in such document to the Agreement shall mean and include the Agreement as amended hereby.

8. **Incorporation by Reference.** This Amendment 6 incorporates by reference the provisions set forth in Section 8.6 (Amendments and Waivers), Section 8.7 (No Third-Party Beneficiaries), Section 8.8 (Notices, Designations and Specifications), Section 8.9 (Language), Section 8.11 (Counterparts) and Section 8.12 (Entire Agreement), as if fully set forth herein.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ICANN and Verisign have caused this Amendment 6 to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the Amendment 6 Effective Date.

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS

By: _____

Name: Theresa Swinehart

Title: SVP, Global Domains and Strategy

Date: _____

VERISIGN, INC.

By: _____

Name: D. James Bidzos

Title: Executive Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____