

29 June 2023

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 12 April 2023, Northwestern Mutual Registry, LLC notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .northwesternmutual 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 (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org consulted with Northwestern Mutual Registry, LLC to assess whether to transition operation of the .northwesternmutual top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 12 May 2023, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .northwesternmutual TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 11 June 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 .northwesternmutual Registry Agreement by 09 October 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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