

12 February 2021

ICANN Preliminary Determination

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

On 14 January 2021, Dotspreadbetting Registry Limited notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .spreadbetting Registry Agreement entered into on 11 December 2014. 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 org consulted with Dotspreadbetting Registry Limited to assess whether to transition operation of the .spreadbetting top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN org has made a preliminary determination that operation of the .spreadbetting TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN org's review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and are based on various factors, including ICANN org's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. The Registry Operator attested that all domain name registrations have at all times been registered to and maintained by the Registry Operator or its affiliates for their exclusive use and Registry Operator has not at any time sold, distributed, or transferred control or use of any registrations in the .spreadbetting TLD to any third party that is not an affiliate.

Before releasing its final determination, ICANN org will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org. The deadline to submit input is 14 March 2021 – 23:59 UTC.

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