

General Terms and Conditions for the registration and maintenance of .stockholm Domain Names

These General Terms and Conditions set out the terms for the use of .stockholm Domain Names and must be fully incorporated in any agreement between a Registrar and Registrant for the registration or renewal of a .stockholm Domain Name.

The .stockholm TLD is a geographical top level domain for the exclusive use of The City Of Stockholm. Domain Names may only be registered under the gTLD .stockholm by a limited group of registrants within The City of Stockholm and moreover, are subject to special conditions of use.

The operation of .stockholm requires and is based upon fair and transparent guidelines for the issuing of Domain Names under .stockholm. These take account of the requirements to permit the operation and management of the gTLD .stockholm as specified by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), by the corresponding contract with ICANN as well as by the various interest groups (multi-stakeholder approach).

1 The Policies

By applying to register or renew a Domain Name in the .stockholm Top Level Domain Registry (hereinafter referred to as an “Application”) or by registering one or more Domain Name(s), the Registrant agree and acknowledge that in addition to these General Terms and Conditions the Domain Name(s) will be subject to the following Policies:

a. the Registry Policies (as amended from time to time):

- (i) Nexus Policy,
 - (ii) Acceptable Use Policy,
 - (iii) Privacy Policy,
 - (iv) WHOIS Policy
 - (v) Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy;
 - (vi) any Complaint Resolution Service Policy; and
- any other policy or policies as may be released by the Registry;

b. the ICANN Policies that apply from time to time to the .stockholm Top Level Domain Registry, including:

- (i) the UDRP, and
- (ii) the URS

Copies of the Registry Policies are available on the Registry’s website at www.nic.stockholm. The Registry Policies may be changed by the Registry on reasonable notice provided on the Registry’s website at www.nic.stockholm.

The ICANN Policies that apply from time to time and the procedures and circumstances in which they may be changed are to be found on the ICANN website at www.icann.org.

2 Stockholm Nexus

Subject to the Registry Policies, Domain Names are available to Operations controlled by The City of Stockholm administration, Companies owned by the municipality.

Second-level Domain Name applications will be handled on a first come/first serve basis.

It is permissible to set up subdomains (third-level domains) beneath registered second-level domains. It is not permissible to provide third-level Domain Name registrations to independent third parties (parties other than the registrant).

3 Term

The registration of the Domain Name shall continue for the term specified in the accepted Application (the “Term”), subject to suspension or termination pursuant to these General Terms and Conditions or the Registry Policies.

Domain Name Registrations may be made for an annual term of between one (1) and ten (10) years.

4 Renewal Process

A renewal reminder will be sent by the registrar to the registered billing handle information by e-mail three months prior to the expiration date, with additional reminders according to the registrar’s routine.

Domain Name registration data need to be reviewed and approved by the billed municipal entity in connection with the renewal, to ensure that the domain’s purpose and use remain the same.

All renewed second-level Domain Names are sent to The City of Stockholm Executive Office for information. In the event of non-payment one month after the expiry date, an e-mail is sent to The City of Stockholm Executive Office for verification of removal of the second-level Domain Name.

5 Registration Fee

The Registrant shall pay to the Registrar the appropriate registration fee (“Registration Fee”) applicable at the time that the Registrant submit its Application to the Registrar.

6 Assignment

As a general principle, Domain Names can be transferred to other registrants provided they are authorised entities. Registrants taking over a Domain Name must themselves comply with all of the requirements in these General Terms and Conditions.

If the registration of a Domain Name is subject to a special award process, transferring it to another registrar may also be subject to special conditions.

7 Breach of obligations, termination and suspension

The City of Stockholm can terminate a Domain Name at any time. The second-level domain registration fee cannot be refunded. The termination shall be sent in writing to the registrar. Terminated second-level domains are notified to The City of Stockholm Executive Office.

Deregistration or blockage of a second-level domain can also take place in the event of breach of these Terms and Conditions including the Policies, including if a registrant does no longer fulfil the criteria to submit an Application.

In addition, The City of Stockholm Executive Office may conduct audits of selected registered domains to ensure compliance with these regulations.

8 Governing Law/Forum Selection

These Terms and Conditions shall be exclusively governed by Swedish law.

Any controversy, claims or disputes in which the Registry is a party and that arise out of or otherwise relate to these General Terms and Conditions or any Registry Policy shall be settled by Swedish courts, with the District Court of Stockholm as the court of first instance.

The City of Stockholm Nexus Policy

This Nexus Policy forms an integrated part of the *General Terms & Conditions for the registration and maintenance of .stockholm Domain Names*.

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Registrants must remain in compliance with the applicable nexus category for the entire period of such Domain Name's registration by the registrant.

Registrants may not license, sub-delegate or otherwise transfer .stockholm Domain Names to third parties that otherwise fail to meet the requirements of this Nexus Policy.

2 Restrictions regarding certain names

Users may neither apply for, nor register, a Reserved Name or any term that is similar to a Reserved Name. The Registry may however, allocate Reserved Names to any person that the Registry in its sole discretion considers to be entitled to use or properly associated with that Reserved Name. Only a person or entity that has been allocated a Reserved Name by the Registry may use it.

Swedish geographical names inside and outside of Stockholm cannot be registered without written consent or approval from the locally responsible County Council, District, County Administrative Board or council.

Names of countries and regions will not be allowed for registration along with ICANN New Registry Agreement Specification 5 for reserved names. NIC, WWW, IRIS and WHOIS will initially be blocked and only used by the Registry in line with ICANN regulation.

Names with the use of hyphens in the third or fourth position will not be allowed in line with ICANN regulation. In addition, the label "example" will be blocked on all levels in line with ICANN regulation.

The Registry reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to block certain names and terms from registration. The Registry may also block certain Domain Names from availability for registration in accordance with applicable law or ICANN Policies. The Registry does not publish a list of blocked names and terms due to their potentially sensitive nature.

3 Enforcement

In the event a user registers a Domain Name that is not in compliance with this Nexus Policy, the Registry may, in its sole discretion and without prior notification, suspend, transfer, or terminate such Domain Name.

Exhibit 1

Code of Conduct Exemption Request Form

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

Stockholms kommun (City of Stockholm) (“Registry Operator”), in connection with the execution of the Registry Agreement for the STOCKHOLM 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:

The TLD is only available for registration and use by the City of Stockholm (registry operator) and its affiliates.

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.

Submitted by: _____

Position: _____

Date Noted: _____

Please be advised that by submitting your personal data in the Code of Conduct Exemption Request Form, you agree that your personal data will be processed in accordance with the ICANN [Privacy Policy](#) and the website [Terms of Service](#).