



## The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

21 October 2016

Guardian News and Media Limited  
90 York Way  
London - N1 9GU GB  
Attn: Benjamin Crawford, Legal Contact

**Re: Notice of Intent to Terminate the Registry Agreement for .theguardian**

Dear Benjamin Crawford:

We hereby inform you that pursuant to Section 4.3(b) of the Registry Agreement dated 29 April 2015 between ICANN and the Registry Operator for the .theguardian top-level domain (TLD) (the "Registry Agreement"), ICANN intends to terminate the Registry Agreement. Effective 21 October 2016, the Registry Agreement Termination process will initiate.

As previously noticed to the Registry Operator in writing on 03 May 2016, the Registry Operator missed its 30 April 2016 deadline to complete all testing and procedures for delegation of the TLD into the root zone ("the delegation deadline"). As our prior notice stated, ICANN provided you an additional 30 days to complete the testing and procedures necessary to delegate the TLD; however, as of the date of this letter, that extended period has lapsed and the Registry Operator has not successfully completed the steps necessary for the TLD to be delegated into the root zone. This letter constitutes written notice of ICANN's intent to terminate your Registry Agreement pursuant to Section 4.3(b).

In furtherance of the foregoing, ICANN will proceed to terminate the .theguardian Registry Agreement pursuant to its terms, effective 21 October 2016 .

You should be aware of the following related to the termination of this Registry Agreement:

- Both the .theguardian Registry Agreement Web page (<https://www.icann.org/resources/agreement/theguardian-2015-04-30-en>) and the Registry Agreement Termination Information Page (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/gtld-registry-agreement-termination-2015-10-09-en>) will be updated to reflect termination related notices and activities.
- Pursuant to the terms of section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN, with the input of the community, will make a determination as to whether the operation of the TLD should be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator.
- As of the effective date of your termination, your access to this TLD in the GDD Portal will be deactivated. For any requests or inquiries subsequent to the date of termination, please email [globalsupport@icann.org](mailto:globalsupport@icann.org) .

If you have any questions, please contact us immediately at [globalsupport@icann.org](mailto:globalsupport@icann.org) .

Regards,

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