

19 January 2026

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 23 September 2025, Wolters Kluwer N.V. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .wolterskluwer Registry Agreement entered into on 06 August 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 Wolters Kluwer N.V. to assess whether to transition operation of the .wolterskluwer top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 24 November 2025, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .wolterskluwer TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 24 December 2025, 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 .wolterskluwer Registry Agreement no later than 22 March 2026.

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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