



Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) Request

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Registry Operator

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Request Details

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This service request should be used to submit a Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request. An RSEP is required to add, modify or remove Registry Services for a TLD. More information about the process is available at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rsep-2014-02-19-en>

Complete the information requested below. All answers marked with a red asterisk are required. Click the Save button to save your work and click the Submit button to submit to ICANN.

PROPOSED SERVICE

1. Name of Proposed Service

Whois Verification Service

2. Technical description of Proposed Service. If additional information needs to be considered, attach one PDF file

In order to comply with local law and ICANN policies, the RO of this TLD intends to implement a Whois Verification Service to domain names registered under this TLD. Specifically, we request any registrant to present a valid ID to demonstrate that the registrant on record, either a natural person or an entity, match the name in the supporting document. In other words, the registrant needs to demonstrate the Whois information provided to the RO is genuine and accurate. The RO will execute its discretion to verify that the registrant is actually the one registered in the Whois. If the registrant information is incorrect or unverifiable, the RO will place a "serverhold"

status on the domain until the registrant corrected the Whois inaccuracy or convince the RO that it's the correct registrant.

CONSULTATION

3. Please describe with specificity your consultations with the community, experts and or others. What were the quantity, nature and content of the consultations?

We have consulted other ROs who have implemented the service as well as registrar partners. It seems that the registrars are welcoming the service and there's no negative feedbacks so far since the service was launched several years.

3a. If the registry is a sponsored TLD, what were the nature and content of these consultations with the sponsored TLD community?

N/A

3b. Were consultations with gTLD registrars or the registrar constituency appropriate? Which registrars were consulted? What were the nature and content of the consultation?

We have consulted all our Chinese registrar partners, which are around 20 of them, including Aliyun and west.cn, the two biggest registrars. The nature and content of the consultation is basically the same as we described in answer to Q2 and their feedbacks in answer to Q3.

3c. Were consultations with other constituency groups appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

No, we don't think so.

3d. Were consultations with end users appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

No, we don't think it's necessary.

3e. Who would endorse the introduction of this service? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

We suppose ICANN, the government, and registrars who have been practicing the service would endorse the service.

3f. Who would object the introduction of this service? What were (or would be) the nature and content of these consultations?

Nobody.

TIMELINE

4. Please describe the timeline for implementation of the proposed new registry service.

As soon as it's approved by ICANN.

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

5. Describe how the Proposed Service will be offered.

As said in Q1, we rely on registrars to collect necessary supporting document from registrant. And once we have got the supporting document, we shall execute our discretion to check the accuracy of the data against the supporting document. And if the Whois does not match with the supporting document, we will place "serverhold" on the domain. If registrant corrected the Whois inaccuracy, the hold will be lifted.

6. Describe quality assurance plan or testing of Proposed Service.

In line with the Whois commitment by registrars, we promise to return to any verification result within 15 days and decide if to place "serverhold" or lift a "serverhold". The similar mechanism has been practicing by other ROs and registrars, they shouldn't have any other issues if they don't feel conformable to implement the service.

7. Please list any relevant RFCs or White Papers on the proposed service and explain how those papers are relevant.

N/A

CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

8. List the relevant contractual provisions impacted by the Proposed Service.

None.

9. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the reporting of data to ICANN.

None. But our guess is that, the Whois accuracy will improve.

10. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the Whois?

It will improve the Whois accuracy.

11. What effect, if any, will the proposed service have on the price of a domain name registration?

No.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

12. Please describe or provide the necessary contractual amendments for the proposed service

We agree to adopt the template listed at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ra-amend-template-registration-validation-applicable-law-without-proxy-29jan18-en.pdf> to implement any necessary contractual amendments for the service.

BENEFITS OF PROPOSED SERVICE

13. Describe the benefits of the Proposed Service.

The benefit is improved Whois accuracy.

COMPETITION

14. Do you believe your proposed new Registry Service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.

It is complicated. On one hand, the service will see an improved Whois accuracy, which is good for the reputation of the TLD. On the other hand, the cost to implement the service will have a negative impact on the sustainability of the TLD.

15. How would you define the markets in which your proposed Registry Service would compete?

The market is a highly regulated market.

16. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to your proposed Registry Service?

Any other TLD operators.

17. In view of your status as a registry operator, would the introduction of your proposed Registry Service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?

No.

18. Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed Registry Service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.

The service is in-house.

19. Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please describe the communications.

No.

20. Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please submit them with your application. (ICANN will keep the documents confidential).

No.

SECURITY AND STABILITY

21. Does the proposed service alter the storage and input of Registry Data?

No.

22. Please explain how the proposed service will affect the throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems.

No impact whatsoever.

23. Have technical concerns been raised about the proposed service, and if so, how do you intend to address those concerns?

No.

OTHER ISSUES

24. Are there any Intellectual Property considerations raised by the Proposed Service?

Not that we are aware of.

25. Does the proposed service contain intellectual property exclusive to your gTLD registry?

No.

26. List Disclaimers provided to potential customers regarding the Proposed Service.

N/A.

27. Please provide any other relevant information to include with the request.

N/A.

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Affected TLDs

Current Registry Operator	Top Level Domain	Registry Agreement Date
Beijing Tele-info Network Technology Co., Ltd.	xn--vuq861b	2014-10-16