



Date: 30 April 2020

ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - xn--pbt977c

On 17 February 2020, Richemont DNS Inc. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the xn--pbt977c Registry Agreement entered into on 22 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 Richemont DNS Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the xn--pbt977c top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 16 March 2020, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the xn--pbt977c TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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. Richemont DNS Inc. attested and ICANN org confirmed that there are no domain name registrations in the xn--pbt977c TLD beyond those required by the Registry Agreement.

On 15 April 2020, 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 xn--pbt977c Registry Agreement by 15 August 2020.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, 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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