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Mr. Russ Weinstein:

Please provide an update on the .art Community Priority Evaluations (CPE). One .art evaluation began on February 19th (1-1675-51302), while the other began on February 20th (1-1097-20833). This means that more than 6 months have now elapsed. According to the ICANN-produced FAQ on CPE, this process is expected to take 3-4 months. Within that FAQ, ICANN states,

"The prior version of the FAQ stated two to three months, but, as mentioned at the start of this document, lessons learned over the past nine months have showed that a better estimate for the length of the process is three to four months."

Thus, as the revised timeframe is no longer being held to, an update to the applicant community on the CPE timeframe and the current causes for delay is in order. TLD Applicants have been subject to a number of moving timelines throughout this process, and it is worrisome that it has reached a point of being so commonplace that it is no longer acknowledged. There are a number of other CPEs that have also now exceeded the 4 month timeframe and others that are approaching that mark; I can only imagine that those affected are as equally interested.

Please update us immediately.

With thanks,

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