Dear Registry Operator,

Please be aware that the ICANN organization has implemented additional validations pertaining to the format and content of the Bulk Registration Data (BRDA) deposit files to ensure their compliance with the BRDA specification in your registry agreements (e.g. Specification 4 of the Base gTLD Registry Agreement) as well as the Interim Registration Data Policy (i.e. Appendix F of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data). Summaries of the validations that are currently performed as well as the additional validations that have been implemented are below.

Please use this notice as a reminder to review your implementation and if necessary, make the necessary adjustments to conform to requirements.

The additional validation enforcement process will comprise the following phases:

- **23 March 2020.** The ICANN Contractual Compliance team will begin to send compliance notifications concerning BRDA deposit files that contain errors in format and content and do not align with the BRDA specification which have been detected through the additional validations referenced above. No deposit files will be rejected during this phase.
- **01 August 2020.** BRDA deposit files that do not pass any required validation will be rejected. ICANN Contractual Compliance will continue to send compliance notifications.

The current validations will continue to be performed on the BRDA deposit files, these include:
- Deposit files are available in the specific date for the TLD.
- Deposit files are properly encrypted and signed.

The additional validations that will be performed on the BRDA deposit files, include:
- Deposit file format complies with:
  - Registry Data Escrow Specification
  - Domain Name Registration Data Objects Mapping
- Mandatory elements and data are present
- Deposit files do not include additional data in the deposit, e.g.:
  - Contact, IDN, NNDN, EPP Param objects
  - Registrant or contact attributes in domain object
- Correct TLD and Watermark
- Correct deposit type (i.e., "FULL")
- Correct CRC32 checksum (for CSV files)
- Deposit file names are of the form:
  - {gTLD}_{YYYY-MM-DD}_thin_S{#}_R{rev}.{ext}

For any questions, please contact ICANN Global Support at globalsupport@icann.org.

Best regards,

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