



Dear Colleagues,

ICANN org would like to notify you that effective 14 June 2021, Registry System Testing (RST) will be performed by ICANN org, in place of the current third-party RST service provider, Internetstiftelsen (The Swedish Internet Foundation).

This change will allow ICANN org to provide the RST service at **no cost** to registry operators for RST that is performed by ICANN org. Outside of the cost savings to registry operators, we anticipate minimal changes to the current RST experience. The current RST scheduling and weekly RST capacity is expected to remain the same.

There will not be any modifications to the test elements and test types defined for [RST](#) with this change. The system currently used to collect RST input files will be decommissioned after ICANN org begins to perform RST. At such time, ICANN org will request the RST input files through the Naming Services portal (NSp). Instructions on how to provide the input files will be emailed to the designated RST contact.

There will be a short transition phase. For key dates, please refer to the timeline below:

- 01 June 2021 - Last day RST will be scheduled with the current RST service provider
- 07 June 2021 - Last RST tests with the current RST service provider begin
- 08 June 2021 - First day RST will be scheduled with ICANN org
- 14 June 2021 - First RST tests with ICANN org begin

Please note that the RST tests scheduled for 07 June 2021 will be completed by the current RST service provider.

If you have any questions, please submit a General Inquiry case in the [Naming Services portal](#) or email globalsupport@icann.org.

Regards,

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