Upcoming Changes to UDRP Rules

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Agenda

- High Level Overview of UDRP

- Modified UDRP Rules Timeline

- Overview of changes to UDRP Rules

- Detailed review of specific changes affecting registrars

- Q&A (Please submit questions through the Q&A Pod)

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What is the UDRP?

Overview of UDRP

- Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy

- ICANN Consensus Policy – all registrars required to follow

- Involves disputes arising from abusive domain name registration

- 5 ICANN-approved providers

- https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/providers-6d-2012-02-25-en

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UDRP Rule Update Timeline

Timeline

- Redline version:
  http://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/udrp-rules-redline-24sep14-en.pdf

- Effective for all registrars 31 July 2015

- Registrars are free to adopt prior to 31 July 2015

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Overview of Changes to UDRP Rules

Overview

- Definitions: added definitions of "lock" and "pendency"

- Rule 4: added steps to notification of UDRP complaint

- Rule 5: optional response extension time

- Rule 16: communication of decision to parties

- Rule 17: settlement process has added steps

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Specific changes affecting ICANN-accredited Registrars

Changes Affecting Registrars

- Definition of Lock

- Definition of Pendency

- Rule 4(a) – provider must submit verification request to registrar, includes request to lock

- Rule 4(b) – registrar must "lock" domain name and provide requested info within 2 business days of receiving request

- Rule 4(b) – updates to the respondent's data must be made before lock is applied (e.g., P/P data)

Changes Affecting Registrars

- Rule 4(e): If complaint is dismissed or withdrawn, registrar must release "lock" <u>within 1 business day</u> of receiving notice from Provider

- Rule 16(a): Registrar shall communicate the date of decision implementation <u>within 3 business days</u> of receiving decision from Provider

- Rule 17(a)(ii): Provider informs registrar of suspension and expected duration

- Rule 17(a)(iv): Provider will communicate outcome to registrar

- Rule 17(a)(v): Registrar shall remove lock <u>within 2 business days</u> after receiving notice

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Questions