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**ICANN** Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .STARHUB

On 26 February 2019, StarHub <u>notified ICANN org</u> of its intent to terminate the .STARHUB Registry Agreement entered into on 05 February 2015. 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 (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org consulted with StarHub to assess whether to transition operation of the .STARHUB top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 22 April 2019, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .STARHUB TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- 1. .STARHUB qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
- 2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 22 May 2019, 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 .STARHUB Registry Agreement by 25 August 2019.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), 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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