

# **WHOIS POLICY**

**VERSION 1.0**

## **1. WHOIS Data Collection**

- 1.1. Contact information of a domain name is collected by the Registrar and submitted to the Registry in accordance with the procedural requirements of the Registry.
- 1.2. Under the Registry-Registrar Agreement, Registrars must inform Registrants of the fact that their personal information may be made publicly available via the WHOIS service. Registrars must ensure the WHOIS information provided is accurate based upon the latest ICANN WHOIS Accuracy Specification.
- 1.3. Under the Registrant Agreement, Registrants allow the Registry the right to disclose information from the WHOIS service to third parties only upon presentation of valid reasons.
- 1.4. Registrants are required to contact their Registrars and notify them of any changes to the WHOIS data for their domain names. Registrars are required to update the WHOIS database within seven (7) business days upon receipt of updated information from the Registrant.

## **2. Disclosure of WHOIS Data**

- 2.1. The Registry shall display the information as required by ICANN in the required format in Registry WHOIS.
- 2.2. The Registry will also use the WHOIS information to contact the Registrant for any issues that relate to their domain name(s).
- 2.3. WHOIS data may not be used for:
  - a. advertising and/or marketing purposes;
  - b. for support of unsolicited communications to any person, by electronic means or otherwise;
  - c. spamming or speculative purposes;
  - d. for commercial purposes;
  - e. Illegal purposes;
  - f. to support an electronic query process; or
  - g. acquisition of bulk access to WHOIS data, other than by sending individual queries to the WHOIS database.

### **3. Searchable WHOIS**

- 3.1 The Registry will provide a web based WHOIS database which allows data to be retrieved via various conditions per ICANN requirements. Access to the Searchable WHOIS is restrictive and only upon submission of valid documents to provide proof of identity and the legitimate need to use the services. The granting of access is only valid for 30 days, but may be less pursuant to section 3.3.
- 3.2 The Registry shall provide access to searchable WHOIS:
- a. to Government authorities with valid requirements;
  - b. to a Law enforcement agency, court of competent jurisdiction, or any other adjudication body of competent jurisdiction in response to a court order or subpoena, as well as those legal process, or as required if the domain name is subject to a proceeding under the Universal Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) or the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure;
  - c. to service providers in connection with Registry operation;
  - d. to auditors, who are bound by contract and by professional rules to maintain confidentiality and to return all documents.
  - e. To any other parties who can provide written proof that they have a legal right to access the data
- 3.3 Access to the Searchable WHOIS can be revoked anytime by the Registry upon notice to the user.