
ICANN Specific Reviews – Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review (CCT)

Recommendation 17 - Implementation Documentation

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CCT Final Report: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/cct-rt-final-08sep18-en.pdf>

Board resolution on CCT Final Report: <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-03-01-en#1.a>

October 2020 resolution on a set of pending CCT Recommendations: <https://www.icann.org/en/board-activities-and-meetings/materials/approved-resolutions-regular-meeting-of-the-icann-board-22-10-2020-en#2.a.rationale>

- Recommendation submitted: September 2018
- Recommendation approved: March 2019
- Implementation completed: N/A

See for more information on CCT implementation:
<https://community.icann.org/display/CCT/Implementation>

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ICANN should collect data about and publicize the chain of parties responsible for gTLD domain name registrations.

Board Action on CCT Recommendation 17

The Board notes that reseller information is already displayed within the publicly available WHOIS, reliant upon all contracted parties complying with ICANN Consensus Policies and contractual obligations to provide such data. To this extent, the recommendation is accepted. The Board notes, however, that the CCT-RT addressed this recommendation to a number of community groups. The Board notes that to the extent these groups may produce policy outcomes that impact this work, those will be taken into account when appropriate.

Final Implementation Report

The Registry Registration Data Directory Services Consistent Labeling and Display Policy (CL&D), in effect as of August 2017 provides that the reseller field is optional in response to domain name object queries, and that, if shown, the reseller field must appear immediately before the "Domain Status" field and the value must be the name of the organization, in the case where the reseller is a legal entity, or the name of a natural person.

Per the Board action noted above, this recommendation has been implemented to the extent consistent with current policy requirements, and no further implementation work is planned by ICANN org at this time.

ICANN org addressed the effect of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Phase 1 Recommendations on CL&D in its Wave 1 Report "EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 27: Registration Data Policy Impacts." In the report, ICANN org notes that CL&D is "substantively

impacted by the new Registration Data Policy requirements, indicating a need for additional consideration of the policy's data publication requirements and means to enable consistency among registries." However, as noted in the Wave 1 Report, CL&D section 2 references the "Advisory: Clarifications to the Registry Agreement, and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) regarding applicable Registration Data Directory Service (Whois) Specifications", published on 12 September 2014 and last updated on 25 May 2018, which covers the Registrar Registration Expiration Date and Reseller and which is to note that these fields are optional and should be treated as described in the Advisory. Accordingly, the Reseller field is not affected by the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations.

Rationale

This recommendation has been implemented to the extent possible consistent with current policy requirements. Reseller information is already displayed within the publicly available WHOIS. As noted above, in the Wave 1 Report, CL&D section 2 references the "Advisory: Clarifications to the Registry Agreement, and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) regarding applicable Registration Data Directory Service (Whois) Specifications", published on 12 September 2014 and last updated on 25 May 2018, which covers the Registrar Registration Expiration Date and Reseller and which is to note that these fields are optional and should be treated as described in the Advisory. Accordingly, the Reseller field is not affected by the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations. Accordingly, no further action is required.

Timeline

Expected implementation date: N/A, as this recommendation was determined to already be implemented to the extent possible consistent with current policy requirements.

Final implementation date: N/A, as this recommendation was determined to already be implemented to the extent possible consistent with current policy requirements.

Milestones

- The Registry Registration Data Directory Services Consistent Labeling and Display Policy (CL&D) in effect as of August 2017.
- "Advisory: Clarifications to the Registry Agreement, and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) regarding applicable Registration Data Directory Service (Whois) Specifications", published on 12 September 2014 and last updated on 25 May 2018.