
ICANN Specific Reviews - Second Registration Directory Service Review (RDS-WHOIS2) Recommendations 10.2 & 12.1 - Implementation Documentation

RDS-WHOIS2 Final Report: <https://www.icann.org/zh/system/files/files/rds-whois2-review-03sep19-en.pdf>

Board resolution on RDS-WHOIS2 Final Report:
<https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2020-02-25-en#1.a>

- Recommendation submitted: September 2019
- Recommendation approved: February 2020
- Implementation completed: January 2024

See <https://community.icann.org/display/WHO/Implementation> for more information on RDS-WHOIS 2 implementation.

RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation 10.2

Reviewing the effectiveness of the implementation of WHOIS1 Recommendation 10 should be deferred. The ICANN Board should recommend that review be carried out by the next RDS (WHOIS) Review Team after the Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues (PPSAI) policy is implemented.

Board Action on RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation 10.2

The Board approves this recommendation, recognizing the work currently underway, in alignment with ATRT3.

RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation 12.1

Reviewing the effectiveness of the implementation of Recs #12-14 should be deferred. The ICANN Board should recommend that review to be carried out by the next RDS Review Team after RDAP is implemented, and the translation and transliteration of the registration data launches.

Board Action on RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation 12.1

The Board approves this recommendation, recognizing the work currently underway, in alignment with ATRT3.

Final Implementation Report

RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendations 10.2 and 12.1 call for specific areas of work to be carried out by the subsequent Registration Directory Service Review, hereafter referred to as RDS3.

On 30 November 2020, the Board [approved](#) the Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3)'s Recommendation 3.1¹ to suspend any further RDS Reviews pending an

¹ “Given the final results of the EPDP process will certainly have an impact on any future RDS Reviews (and could even remove the need for any further Specific Reviews on this topic) and considering that ATRT3’s final report will be published prior to the EPDP delivering its final report, ATRT3 recommends suspending any further RDS Reviews until the next ATRT Review can consider the

analysis to be conducted, and a determination to be made, by the fourth iteration of the [ATRT](#), hereafter referred to as ATRT4.

In September 2022 the ICANN Board took [action](#) to defer the RDS3 until the ATRT4 can make a determination on future RDS reviews, as recommended by the ATRT3. The Board further committed to re-examining the timing of the RDS based on the changing environment, including the various dependencies.

ICANN org's Review Support and Accountability (RSA) department has included these two legacy topics of review into plans for any possible RDS3, with the caveat that this would be conditioned on the ATRT4's determination and the resulting Board decision to approve or not approve the ATRT4 recommendation.

The RDS3, if convened, or parties² that may be responsible for building and agreeing on the mandate for RDS3, will consider the topics of review recommended by the RDS-WHOIS2 and as presented by RSA, and will decide on the relevance of such topics, given the continued landscape changes in the RDS sphere.

Rationale

This recommendation is complete at the time of evaluation and implementation. The actions taken to include the legacy topics of review into the plans for the RDS3 address the intent of these recommendations.

Timeline

Expected implementation date: N/A

Final implementation date: January 2024

Milestones

- November 2020: Board approval of ATRT3 Recommendation 3.1
- September 2022: Board deferral of RDS3
- January 2024: Inclusion of legacy topics of review into the Review Support and Accountability department's register

future of RDS Reviews in light of the final EPDP report recommendations, the results of the Board's consideration of these, as well as any other developments which affect Directory Services.”

² ICANN org's [Lifecycle of Reviews Project](#) may result in an evolution of review operations.