

17 January 2024

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 14 September 2023, Comcast IP Holdings I, LLC notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .comcast Registry Agreement entered into on 23 July 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 Comcast IP Holdings I, LLC to assess whether to transition operation of the .comcast top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 20 November 2023, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .comcast TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 20 December 2023, 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 .comcast Registry Agreement by 12 March 2024.

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.

---

Theresa Swinehart  
SVP, Global Domains and Strategy  
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)