

17 December 2021

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 21 September 2021, Alliance-One Services, Inc. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .csc Registry Agreement entered into on 25 September 2014. 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 Alliance-One Services, Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the .csc top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 28 October 2021, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .csc TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 27 November 2021, 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 .csc Registry Agreement by 20 March 2022.

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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