

29 June 2023

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 12 April 2023, Northwestern Mutual MU TLD Registry, LLC notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .mutual Registry Agreement entered into on 02 April 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, ICANN org consulted with Northwestern Mutual MU TLD Registry, LLC to assess whether to transition operation of the .mutual top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 12 May 2023, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .mutual TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

ICANN org's review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and are based on various factors, including ICANN org's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

Northwestern Mutual MU TLD Registry, LLC attested and ICANN org confirmed that there are no domain name registrations in the .mutual TLD beyond those required by the Registry Agreement.

On 11 June 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 .mutual Registry Agreement by 09 October 2023.

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