

19 October 2021

ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - xn--3oq18vl8pn36a

On 28 June 2021, Volkswagen (China) Investment Co., Ltd. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the xn--3oq18vl8pn36a Registry Agreement entered into on 02 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 Volkswagen (China) Investment Co., Ltd. to assess whether to transition operation of the xn--3oq18vl8pn36a top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 07 September 2021, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the xn--3oq18vl8pn36a TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

1. xn--3oq18vl8pn36a qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 07 October 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 xn--3oq18vl8pn36a Registry Agreement by 25 December 2021.

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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