

27 July 2023

ICANN Preliminary Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .xn--mgbakc7dvf Top-Level Domain

On 21 June 2023, Emirates Telecommunications Corporation (trading as Etisalat) notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .xn--mgbakc7dvf Registry Agreement entered into on 03 September 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 Emirates Telecommunications Corporation (trading as Etisalat) to assess whether to transition operation of the .xn--mgbakc7dvf top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN org has made a preliminary determination that operation of the .xn--mgbakc7dvf TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. 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. Emirates Telecommunications Corporation (trading as Etisalat) attested and ICANN org confirmed that there are no domain name registrations in the .xn--mgbakc7dvf TLD beyond those required by the Registry Agreement.

Before releasing its final determination, ICANN org will consider input provided by interested parties via email at [ra-termination-comments@icann.org](mailto:ra-termination-comments@icann.org). The deadline to submit input is 26 August 2023 – 23:59 UTC.

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