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ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - xn--mgbakc7dvf

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.

On 27 July 2023, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the xn--mgbakc7dvf 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. 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.

On 26 August 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 xn--mgbakc7dvf Registry Agreement by 18 December 2023.

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