



Via Email

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Re: .JOBS Registry Agreement Amendments

Statement of Concern

The MARQUES Cyberspace Team is aware that the ICANN Board has approved the “Phased Allocation Program” proposed by the .Jobs Charter Compliance Coalition on 20 August 2010.

MARQUES was surprised at the speed with which this decision was taken and is very concerned at the precedent it sets, with new gTLDs on the horizon, enabling gTLD operators to significantly alter their Charters. Whilst we understand the need for registry operators to be financially viable, we are concerned that the needs of intellectual property rights owners have not been adequately considered by the .Jobs Charter Compliance Coalition as it seeks to liberalise.

We therefore hope that the Board will review its earlier decision and seek clarification from the .Jobs Charter Compliance Coalition on the measures it will take to protect the rights for others.

Indeed, we hope that rights protection will be a priority when all Charter reconsiderations are made in the future.

Yours sincerely,

The MARQUES Cyberspace Team

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Background to MARQUES

MARQUES represents trade mark owners across Europe who together own more than three million domain names (a conservative estimate). These domain names are relied upon by consumers across Europe as signposts of genuine goods and services.

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