



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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**RE: NOTICE OF BREACH OF REGISTRAR ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT**

Dear Mr. Escart,

Please be advised that as of 30 October 2015, Hosteur SARL (“Hosteur”) is in breach of its Registrar Accreditation Agreement (“RAA”) with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”) dated 15 March 2014 (“RAA”). These breaches result from:

1. Hosteur’s failure to maintain and make available to ICANN registration data and records relating to dealings with the Registered Name Holder (“RNH”) of the domain name <h-d-c.org>, as required by Sections 3.4.2 and 3.4.3 of the RAA; and
2. Hosteur’s failure to validate and verify Whois contact information, as required by Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Whois Accuracy Program Specification (“WAPS”) of the RAA.

Please refer to the attachment for details regarding these breaches.

In addition, Hosteur has been deemed noncompliant in the following areas:

1. Hosteur’s failure to provide domain name data in the specified response format, as required by Section 1.4 of the Registration Data Directory Service (Whois) Specification of the RAA (“Whois Specification”);

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2. Hosteur's failure to display the correct ICANN logo on Hosteur's website, as required by the Logo License Specification of the RAA; and
3. Hosteur's failure to timely pay past due accreditation fees in the amount of \$2,048.58, as required by Section 3.9 of the RAA.

ICANN requests that Hosteur cure these breaches by 20 November 2015, 21 days from the date of this letter, by taking the following actions:

1. Provide records and information demonstrating that Hosteur took steps to verify and validate the Whois information of the domain name <h-d-c.org>;
2. Display domain name data in the specified response format, as required by Section 1.4 of the Whois Specification;
3. Display the correct ICANN logo on Hosteur's website in accordance with the Logo License Specification of the RAA, or remove the ICANN logo from Hosteur's website; and
4. Pay all past and currently due accreditation fees of \$3,048.58.

If Hosteur fails to timely cure the breaches and provide the information requested by 20 November 2015, ICANN may commence the RAA termination process.

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Owen Smigelski at [owen.smigelski@icann.org](mailto:owen.smigelski@icann.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maguy Serad".

Maguy Serad  
Vice President  
Contractual Compliance

Cc: John O. Jeffrey, General Counsel and Secretary

## ATTACHMENT

### Failure to retain registered name holder and registration data and failure to make such data available for inspection and copying

Sections 3.4.2 and 3.4.3 of the RAA requires registrars to maintain RNH and registration data, and to make those records available to ICANN upon reasonable notice. Hosteur's failure to provide the requested registration records and data related to the domain name <h-d-c.org> is a breach of Sections 3.4.2 and 3.4.3 of the RAA.

### Failure to validate and verify Whois data

Section 1 of the WAPS of the RAA requires registrars to validate that required fields, including telephone numbers, postal addresses and email addresses, are in a standard format or template, as well as verify the email address of the registrant by receiving an affirmative response from the registrant.

Section 2 of the WAPS of the RAA requires registrars to perform validation and verification, as set forth in Section 1 of the WAPS, if a registrar receives changes to any Whois contact information, whether the contact information was previously verified or validated. The registrar is required to (1) receive an affirmative response from the registrant, (2) manually verify the information or (3) suspend the domain name.

Section 4 of the WAPS of the RAA requires registrars to perform validation and verification, as set forth in Section 1 of the WAPS, if a registrar has any information suggesting that the contact information specified in the Whois is incorrect. The registrar must also (1) verify (or re-verify) the registrant's email address by receiving an affirmative response, (2) manually verify the information or (3) suspend the domain name.

Hosteur's failure to provide documents and information demonstrating validation and verification of the Whois data for the domain name <h-d-c.org> is a breach of the WAPS of the RAA.

### Failure to display required Whois format

Section 1.4 of the Whois Specification of the RAA requires registrars to display domain name data in a specified format for Whois query responses. The format of responses shall contain all the elements and follow a semi-free text format outlined in Section 1.4 of the Whois Specification. Hosteur's failure to display Whois data in the specified format is a breach of Section 1.4 of the Whois Specification of the RAA.

Failure to display correct ICANN-Accredited Registrar logo

The Logo License Specification of the RAA requires registrars, if displaying the ICANN-Accredited Registrar logo, to use the logo displayed in the specification. Hosteur's use of a modified version of the ICANN-Accredited Registrar logo is a breach of the Logo License Specification of the RAA.

Failure to pay accreditation fees

Section 3.9 of the RAA requires registrars to timely pay accreditation fees to ICANN, consisting of yearly and variable fees. Hosteur owes ICANN \$2,048.58 in past due accreditation fees, in breach of Section 3.9 of the RAA. Hosteur additionally owes \$1000.00 in currently due accreditation fees, due 29 October 2015.

**Chronology:**

Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
27-Jul-2015	17-Aug-2015	ICANN sent 1st compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:laurent@abconnect.fr">laurent@abconnect.fr</a> and <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@abconnect.fr">jeandaniel@abconnect.fr</a> . No response received from Registrar.
18-Aug-2015	25-Aug-2015	ICANN sent 2nd compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:laurent@abconnect.fr">laurent@abconnect.fr</a> . No response received from Registrar.
20-Aug-2015	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at +33 1 78 41 01 98. No answer, no ability to leave message. ICANN called Primary Contact at +33 6 12722082. ICANN left a detailed message with complaint details.
26-Aug-2015	2-Sep-2015	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:laurent@abconnect.fr">laurent@abconnect.fr</a> , <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@abconnect.fr">jeandaniel@abconnect.fr</a> , <a href="mailto:laurent@hosteur.com">laurent@hosteur.com</a> and <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@hosteur.pro">jeandaniel@hosteur.pro</a> .
26-Aug-2015	N/A	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via fax to +33 4 42294418. Fax successful.

Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
28-Aug-2015	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at +33 1 78 41 01 98. No answer, no ability to leave message. ICANN called Primary Contact at +33 6 12722082. ICANN provided Registrar representative with complaint details.
7-Sep-2015	N/A	Email from Registrar ( <a href="mailto:laurent@hosteur.pro">laurent@hosteur.pro</a> ) insufficient to demonstrate compliance.
11-Sep-2015	18-Sep-2015	ICANN sent a follow-up compliance notice via email to: <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@abconnect.fr">jeandaniel@abconnect.fr</a> , <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@hosteur.pro">jeandaniel@hosteur.pro</a> , <a href="mailto:laurent@hosteur.com">laurent@hosteur.com</a> and <a href="mailto:laurent@abconnect.fr">laurent@abconnect.fr</a> . No response received from Registrar.
30-Sep-2015	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at +33 1 78 41 01 98. Spoke to Registrar representative who asked ICANN to contact Primary Contact on mobile. ICANN called Primary Contact at mobile [MOBILE REDACTED]. ICANN left a detailed message with complaint details.
7-Oct-2015	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at +33 1 78 41 01 98. ICANN provided Registrar representative with complaint details. Registrar representative requested 3rd compliance notice be resent.
7-Oct-2015	N/A	ICANN resent the 3rd compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@abconnect.fr">jeandaniel@abconnect.fr</a> , <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@hosteur.pro">jeandaniel@hosteur.pro</a> , <a href="mailto:laurent@hosteur.com">laurent@hosteur.com</a> , <a href="mailto:laurent@abconnect.fr">laurent@abconnect.fr</a> and <a href="mailto:bastien@hosteur.com">bastien@hosteur.com</a> .
8-Oct-2015	N/A	Email from Registrar ( <a href="mailto:laurent@hosteur.pro">laurent@hosteur.pro</a> ) insufficient to demonstrate compliance.
9-Oct-2015	16-Oct-2015	ICANN sent a follow-up compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@abconnect.fr">jeandaniel@abconnect.fr</a> , <a href="mailto:jeandaniel@hosteur.pro">jeandaniel@hosteur.pro</a> , <a href="mailto:laurent@hosteur.com">laurent@hosteur.com</a> , <a href="mailto:bastien@hosteur.com">bastien@hosteur.com</a> and <a href="mailto:laurent@abconnect.fr">laurent@abconnect.fr</a> . No response received from Registrar.



<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Deadline for Response</b>	<b>Details</b>
21-Oct-2015	N/A	ICANN conducted compliance check to determine other areas of noncompliance.
30-Oct-2015	N/A	To date, Registrar has not responded to ICANN with the requested information and documentation.