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Applications for a new generic Top-Level Domain “.gmbh“

Dear Mr. Chehadé,

we refer to the letter of 9 July 2013, written by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Bonn.

We would also like to indicate that companies with the corporate form of a GmbH enjoy special trust amongst customers and business partners on the German market. For this reason, the German government believes that, in order to protect legitimate expectations, a future applicant for “.gmbh” should ensure that second-level domains below a top-level domain “.gmbh” should be granted solely to companies with this corporate legal structure.

The governments of Germany, Austria and Switzerland set out these requirements in their early warnings of November 2012 to all parties applying for “.gmbh” and demanded that

- Applicants for SLDs under “.gmbh” have to be companies which are already organized as “Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung” according to the regulations valid in Germany, Austria, Switzerland or Liechtenstein, or they should be able to prove that such a registration is pending in at least one of these countries. Compliance with these requirements has to be regularly reviewed.
- Applicants for SLDs have to prove that they are subject to liability as a GmbH by forwarding a full set of valid documents from their respective place of jurisdiction.

We have the same reservations expressed in the letter of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and we follow their evidences and references in every way.

Yours sincerely,

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