

Implementation Report on the ccTLD Retirement Policy

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Policy under implementation

A final adopted version of the policy has not been published by the ccNSO, but it is contained within [pages 15–20 of the Proposed Policy for the Retirement of ccTLDs Board Report](#).

Board approval

The ICANN Board [adopted the policy on 22 September 2022](#), directing that:

Resolved (2022.09.22.09) the Board adopts the ccNSO Retirement of ccTLDs Policy Recommendations as set forth in Attachment A, sections 1-5 of the Board Report (<https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/board-report-proposed-policy-retirement-cctlds-17sep21-en.pdf>).

Resolved (2022.09.22.10), the Board directs the ICANN President and CEO, or his designee(s), to implement the recommended policy contained in the Board Report.

Implementation Actions

All planned actions required to implement the policy for future situations were concluded in 2023. Notably:

- IANA has prepared internal procedures to be followed, including monitoring ISO 3166-1 changes for triggering events, and the subsequent steps to be followed.
- The expected forms of communication, such as the Notice of Removal, have been drafted.
- User documentation has been published on the IANA website at <https://www.iana.org/help/cctld-retirement>. This document establishes the so-called “reasonable requirements” described in the policy.

Aspects of the policy are dependent on other ongoing policy development work, and thus cannot be operationalized at this time, namely:

- the applicability of the policy on IDN ccTLD strings; and

- the implementation of a specific review mechanism

It is assumed implementation actions for these aspects of ccTLD retirements will be conducted as part of the implementation of those respective policies once adopted.

Procedures that govern legacy cases were determined by the policy working group to be a matter for IANA decision making. An approach to these situations is under development by IANA and ICANN staff.