

GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE

Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy Development Process – Part C

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: None

SUMMARY

The Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) is a consensus policy to provide a straightforward procedure for domain name holders to transfer domain names between registrars. An overall review of this policy identified areas that require clarification or improvement, which were labeled A-E, and addressed in a series of PDPs. This PDP, which is known as IRTP Part C, reviews whether a process for 'change of control' is needed; whether the current Forms of Authorization (FOAs) should be time-limited, and; whether the use of IANA IDs should be required. The PDP has produced recommendations that were adopted unanimously by the GNSO Council on 17 October 2012. The ICANN Board adopted the recommendations on 20 December 2012. These recommendations are:

- **Recommendation #1** – The adoption of a new consensus policy specifying the rules and procedures applicable to circumstances where there is a change of registrant.¹
- **Recommendation #2:** Forms of Authorization (FOAs), once obtained by a registrar, should be valid for no longer than 60 days, with certain exceptions, and additional procedures to be followed.
- **Recommendation #3:** All gTLD Registry Operators should be required to publish the Registrar of Record's IANA ID in the TLD's WHOIS. The IRTP Part C Final Report includes additional information and rules related to use of the IANA IDs and/or proprietary IDs.

GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS



Following the adoption of the recommendations by the ICANN Board, an Implementation Review Team will now be formed to work with ICANN Staff on the development of the implementation plan. This implementation plan will eventually be published for public comment.

FINAL REPORT

<http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/irtp-c-final-report-09oct12-en.pdf>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/irtp-c-wg.htm>

¹ Further details concerning the rules and requirements for the change of registrant policy are detailed in the [IRTP Part C Final Report](#) under the heading 'Proposed "Change of Registrant" Process for gTLDs' on page 4-8.