GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE

Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy Development Process – Part D

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: The ICANN Board adopted all 18 recommendations during ICANN 52 in Singapore. ICANN staff is preparing the launch of an Implementation Review Team, for which a call for volunteers will be sent out in due course.

SUMMARY

The Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) is a consensus policy that provides a straightforward procedure for domain name holders to transfer domain names between registrars. An overall review of this policy started in 2007 and the final effort, IRTP Part D is under way since 2013. The WG's Final Report contains 18 Recommendations, including*:

- The statute of limitation to launch a TDRP be extended from 6 to 12 months;
- If a request for enforcement is initiated under the TDRP, the relevant domain should be 'locked' against further transfers;
- **Not to** develop dispute options for registrants as part of the current TDRP;
- That the TDRP be modified to eliminate the First (Registry) Level of the TDRP;
- The WG does **not** recommend the elimination of FOAs;
- The WG also recommended that, once all IRTP recommendations are implemented the GNSO Council, together with ICANN staff, to convene a panel to collect, discuss, and analyze relevant data to determine whether these enhancements have improved the IRTP process and dispute mechanisms, and identify possible remaining shortcomings.

*Please note that these are extracts from a non-exhaustive list, see Final Report for details.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS

The Public Comment Period closed on 1 December 2014 and a Report of Public Comment has been posted. The GAC was notified to provide input in case public policy issues were raised by the IRTP Part D PDP Recommendations. The ICANN Board adopted the recommendations on 12 February 2015.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Final Report: http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/transfers/irtp-d-final-25sep14-en.pdf
- ICANN Board Resolution: https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-02-12-en#1.d
- Public Comment: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-irtp-d-recommendations-12dec14-en.pdf
- GNSO Council Resolution: http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#20141015-1