

# Registries Stakeholder Group Statement



## Issue: **ccNSO PDP3: Initial Proposals for Process to Retire ccTLDs**

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Reference url: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ccnso-pdp3-retire-cctlds-2020-05-05-en>

### Background<sup>1</sup>

The ccNSO Policy Development Process 3 (PDP3) working group, tasked with developing and proposing policy for the retirement of country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs), is seeking input and feed-back from the broader community on its proposed process to retire ccTLDs, when the country code is removed from list of country codes in the ISO 3166 standard.

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### Registries Stakeholder Group comment:

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the ccNSO PDP3 Retirement Working Group's Proposed Policy for the Retirement of ccTLDs, Interim Paper.

The RySG considers the proposed approaches, definitions, and descriptions to be reasonable. We also consider the stress tests to be adequate and complete.

We would, however, suggest that the ccNSO PDP3 team make it clear in the policy that the policy is not applicable retrospectively and that it does not apply to non-ccNSO member ccTLDs – but that it can be a good model for non-member ccTLDs if retirement comes under consideration.

The RySG commends the leadership and membership of PDP3 for their thoughtful approach to the retirement process.

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<sup>1</sup> *Background: intended to give a brief context for the comment and to highlight what is most relevant for RO's in the subject document – it is not a summary of the subject document.*