

ICANN's Reserved Names Working Group (RN-WG) Final Report with Verisign's stated commitment to Rights Protection Mechanisms is clearly shown in the chronology below:

a. May 2007: RN-WG Final Report Recommendation:

"We recommend that single letters and digits be released at the second level in future gTLDs, and that those currently reserved in existing gTLDs should be released. This release should be contingent upon the use of appropriate allocation frameworks. More work may be needed. Examples include a.com, i.info."

<https://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/final-report-rn-wg-23may07.htm>

b. May-August 2007: ICANN submitted its RN-WG Final Report to its Committee for New gTLDs:

"Implementation Details: The GNSO Reserved Names working group created a report of recommendations that was submitted to the larger GNSO Committee for New gTLDs to aid in developing their Final Report for the introduction of New gTLDs."

<https://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/inactive/2007/reserved-names>

c. August 2007: ICANN released its Final Report - Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains:

No purported recommendation to auction single character .com domain names was made. Rather, Verisign maintained its chief obligation that its .com and its New gTLDs in .com avoid Internet confusion to obtain a ubiquitous result:

"It is of prime concern for the RyC that the introduction of new gTLDs results in a ubiquitous experience for Internet users that minimizes user confusion".

<https://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/pdp-dec05-fr-parta-08aug07.htm>

<https://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/pdp-dec05-fr-partb-01aug07.htm>

d. 2013-2018: Verisign maintained its commitment to respect Rights Protection Mechanisms to minimize user confusion:

"Recently, [Verisign announced details about our IDN.IDN implementation plans](#). Through this approach, a registrant of an IDN.com or IDN.net or registrant in one of our new IDN TLDs will have the sole right, subject to applicable rights protection mechanisms, but not be required to register the same second-level domain name across all or any of our IDN TLDs, including .com or .net TLD as applicable".

<https://blog.verisign.com/domain-names/update-on-verisigns-idn-implementation-plans/>

Verisign's public commitment to Rights Protection Mechanism policy was independently reaffirmed:

"At a high level, there's nothing new to Verisign's announcement ([pdf](#)). It's the same thing Verisign [told Domain Name Wire](#) a couple years ago: If someone owns an IDN.com, they'll be the only one with rights to register the same IDN.IDN-as-transliteration, and vice versa."

<https://domainnamewire.com/2013/07/14/verisign-reconfirms-idn-transliteration-plans-provides-more-details/>