

We respectfully provide clarifying facts in light of Lyman Chapin's recent comment:

1. VeriSign has consistently taken precise and purposeful committed action to minimize Internet confusion:
 - a. December 20015: VeriSign released single character IDNs in .com according to ICANN's Board-Vote-Approved RN-WG Implementation Details¹.
 - b. February-August 2016: VeriSign and ICANN imposed Priority Access Periods (PAPs) wherein VeriSign provided exclusive exact-match .com registrant availability to .com IDNs in Japanese and Korean².
 - c. 2018: VeriSign completed its PAP for .com IDNs in Japanese and Korean, maintaining its 2013 exact-match reciprocity commitment to .com and IDN .com registrants³.

2. The Allocation Framework document, published by ICANN in 2008, was intended for "community discussion" (per the document). The auction process outlined therein was ultimately not endorsed or adopted by the user community as part of new gTLD allocation plans:
 - a. Rather, following the 2009 ICANN Mexico City meeting, the ICANN Board sought GNSO input for trademark solutions.
 - b. On December 9, 2009 the GNSO Special Trademark Issues (STI) drafting team reached consensus on revised trademark solutions, and unanimously approved STI, including the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH).
 - c. On May 28, 2010 ICANN published the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) Proposal, which was subsequently integrated into the Base Registry Agreement.

VeriSign and ICANN must maintain their unambiguous public commitments to minimize Internet confusion when releasing exact-match single character .com domain names. VeriSign and ICANN must not ignore nor undermine its commitments and performance standards, including first-come-first-served and prior trademark rights, and cannot discard them for economic expedencies.

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

2. <https://comlaude.com/news/new-gtld-updates-xn-tckwe-%E3%82%B3%E3%83%A0-japanese-%E2%80%9Ccom%E2%80%9D-launch-schedule-club-premium-domains-and-reise> & <https://comlaude.com/news/new-gtld-updates-xn-mk1bu44c-korean-%E2%80%9Cdot-com%E2%80%9D-and-xn-t60b56a-korean-%E2%80%9Cdot-net%E2%80%9D-donuts-dpml-promo>

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