# TABLES FOR THE RPM SUNRISE & TRADEMARK CLAIMS DATA REQUESTS APPROVED BY THE GNSO COUNCIL

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## **TABLE 1: SURVEYS OF VARIOUS TARGET GROUPS**

1. Survey of New gTLD Registry Operators (RO)			
Purpose & Scope	Relevant Charter Question	Sub Team's Suggested Draft Question	ns, Notes & Additional Guidance
		Anecdotal Questions	Data Questions
		Survey Introduction: This question is answered by trademark holders. Som a greater understanding of this quest	ne information that might contribute to
Obtain anecdotal evidence to facilitate Working Group review of Sunrise Charter Question #2 (whether Sunrise and/or Premium Pricing affects trademark (TM) holders' ability to participate in Sunrise)	Does Registry Sunrise or Premium Name pricing practices unfairly limit the ability of trademark owners to participate during Sunrise?     If so, how extensive is this problem?	Did/do you view the Sunrise period as providing a valuable service? Was Sunrise participation something that you encouraged? Was it part of your strategy/how did you market it? If yes, what practices or policies did you implement to encourage Sunrise registrations? If no, why not? Regardless of your answer above, do you have	[can ask, but likely won't get answered] Did you receive any complaints on behalf of brand owners/registrants about your Sunrise pricing, including premium pricing that applied during Sunrise?      Did you operate a formal (or informal) premium pricing challenge process for brand owners? Did ROs offer/accommodate them?      Will you provide your standard Sunrise pricing compared to GA? What about your premium

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		suggestions for other policies that would have made Sunrise more effective and balanced in protecting brand owners' rights in your TLD(s). What are they? Why do you suggest them?  If you have received complaints on behalf of brand owners/registrants about your Sunrise pricing, please share any steps you took to resolve the complaint and how those steps were received.  If you offered premium pricing (during Sunrise, for names in the TMCH), how did that work?  What steps did you take to avoid overlap between premium pricing and Sunrise Registrations?  If so, how did that work?  In your opinion, what does 'effectiveness' mean for RPMs?  Should Sunrise and Claims be both required or be alternative options?	pricing?  Did you offer premium pricing (during Sunrise, for names in the TMCH)?  How many Sunrise registrations did you process?  Please provide your standard Sunrise pricing, standard general availability pricing, and premium pricing.
Obtain anecdotal evidence to facilitate Working Group review of Sunrise Charter Question #4 (whether	<ul> <li>Are Registry Operator reserved names practices unfairly limiting participation in Sunrise by</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In creating your Reserved</li> <li>Names lists, how did you deal</li> <li>with trademarked terms?</li> <li>If you reserve names for</li> </ul>	Did you check to see if your reserved names list included trademarked names?

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Comment [8]: In creating your reserved names lists, how did you deal with trademarked terms?

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Comment [5]: Without a definition this is not helpful. The surveyor could define "trademarked" but we have to deal with the issue of marks like Apple somehow.

Comment [6]: An alternative question suggested: Did you employ any mechanism in selecting reserved names to exempt terms that were trademarked? (might be problematic legally)

registry use of Reserved Names lists affects TM holders' ability to participate in Sunrise)

- trademark holders?
- Should Section 1.3.3 of Specification 1 of the Registry Agreement be modified to address these concerns?
- Should Registry Operators be required to publish their reserved names lists -what Registry concerns would be raised by that publication, and what problem(s) would it solve?
- Should Registries be required to provide
   Trademark Owners in the
   TMCH notice, and the opportunity to register the domain name should the
   Registry release it – what
   Registry concerns would be raised by this requirement?

- political or legal reasons specific to your jurisdiction, how did you select these terms?
- Would you support an ICANN policy (such as through a modification to Section 1.3.3 of Spec 1 of the RA) that required ROs to publish their reserved names lists?
  - Why or why not?
     Specifically would such publication violate any local laws?
- Should domain names on the reserved list that match entries in the TMCH, be offered first to brand owners? Why or why not?
- Alternatively, should RO's notify brand owners when a reserved name matching a TMCH entry is sold to a 3P (even if the Claims period is over)? Why or why not?

- Did you reserve names for political or legal reasons specific to your jurisdiction?
  - Are they blocked or can the names be released to certain parties? How many names are in this category?

Obtain anecdotal evidence to facilitate Working Group review of Sunrise Charter Question #5 (whether there should be mandatory/optional Sunrise, and the efficacy of a 30-day mandatory minimum Sunrise period)

- (a) Does the current 30-day minimum for a Sunrise Period serve its intended purpose, particularly in view of the fact that many registry operators actually ran a 60-day Sunrise Period?
- Are there any unintended results?
- If you did not run any Sunrise period for longer than 30 days, why not?
- If you run any Sunrise period for longer than 30 days:
  - What were the benefits (to the registry or to brand owners)?
  - What were the

- Did you run any Sunrise period for longer than 30 days?
  - o If so, how many days?
- When did you get the bulk of your registrations?
- Did you have a lot of queries
   regarding the Sunrise registration?
- How many Sunrise registrations did you process?

Comment [10]: General comments on these questions:

- \* Some of these questions will need threshold questions to be answered first.
- \* Need to give direction to the survey provider.
- \* Could the survey provider do phone surveys? The provider should suggest the appropriate vehicle to carry out the surveys.

- Does the ability of Registry Operators to expand their Sunrise Periods create uniformity concerns that should be addressed by this WG?
- Are there any benefits observed when the Sunrise Period is extended beyond 30 days?
- Are there any disadvantages?

(b) In light of evidence gathered above, should the Sunrise Period continue to be mandatory or become optional?

- Should the WG consider returning to the original recommendations from the IRT and STI of Sunrise Period OR Trademark Claims in light of other concerns including freedom of expression and fair use?
- In considering mandatory vs optional, should Registry Operators be allowed to choose between Sunrise and Claims (that is, make ONE mandatory)?

- drawbacks? Were there any complaints or was anyone confused? (Include complaints from potential non-brand owner registrants).
- Do you think there would have been more registrations in a 60day Sunrise period?
- Do you think the 30-day minimum Sunrise period is effective in preventing cybersquatting? Why or why not?
- What suggestions do you have for improving participation or preventing cybersquatting?
- If Sunrise was not mandatory, but the TMCH was still available, would you voluntarily offer Sunrise? IF so, would you make any changes to the ICANN-mandated policy? If not, why not?
- If you could choose between offering EITHER Sunrise or TM Claims, what would you choose? Why? If TM Claims were perpetual, would your answer change?

- How many registrations did you process immediately after sunrise?
- Did the 60-day Sunrise period result in more registrations than the 30-day Sunrise period?

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Obtain anecdotal evidence to facilitate Working Group review of Sunrise Charter Question #12 (whether there is a need for priority or special rules for specialized gTLDs)

- Should Sunrise
   Registrations have priority
   over other registrations
   under specialized gTLDs?
- Should there be a different rule for some registries, such as specialized gTLDs (e.g. community or geo TLDs), based on their published registration/eligibility policies? Examples include POLICE.PARIS and POLICE.NYC for geo-TLDs, and WINDOWS.CONSTRUCTION for specialized gTLDs.
- Should there be special rules to give precedence to certain groups?
- If you have a restricted-use TLD, then...(ask follow up anecdotal questions)
- If any registry that you operate has registration eligibility restrictions, have you had to balance those restrictions against Sunrise requirements?
  - If so, what have you done to accommodate both?

accommodate restricted TLDs (like Community or GeoTLDs)?

 encounter?
 How could the ICANN brand protection policies like Sunrise or Claims be altered to better

What difficulties did you

- Is your TLD a Restricted TLD?
- How many of your TLDs were community, geo, restricted by eligibility terms, etc?

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If a RO ran an Approved Launch Program (ALP), Qualified Launch Program (QLP) and/or Limited Registration Period (LRP) – obtain feedback on whether, and if so what aspects of, the programs should be reviewed (Sunrise Charter Question #8)

- Are Limited Registration Periods in need of review vis a vis the Sunrise Period? Approved Launch Programs? Qualified Launch programs?
- Are the ALP and QLP periods in need of review?
- What aspects of the LRP are in need of review?
- Did you encounter any unanticipated startup issues with these programs specifically, what barriers (if any) did you encounter as you rolled out Limited Registration Periods? Approved Launch Programs and Qualified Launch Programs? How (if at all) did your LRP, QLP or ALP interact with the Sunrise Period? Please
- Did you offer any Approved Launch, Qualified Launch, Limited Registration, or Founder's periods (or any similar pre-GA program that limited participants? [If no, stop here.]
- Which did you launch? Add a new comment for each.

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		<ul> <li>provide some examples.</li> <li>How were you able to reconcile your plans for ALP, LRP and QLP with the ICANN requirements to offer Sunrise and Claims? Explain as specifically as possible.</li> <li>What suggestions do you have for future New gTLD roll-outs? What rules, if any, would you recommend for resolving these issues that you have raised above? How could pre-General Availability periods be made more accessible and successful?</li> </ul>	
If a RO offered an Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) gTLD – obtain feedback on the efficacy of Sunrise for IDN gTLDs (Sunrise Charter Question #11)	How effectively can trademark holders who use non-English scripts/languages able to participate in Sunrise (including IDN Sunrises), and should any of them be further "internationalized" (such as in terms of service providers, languages served)?		<ul> <li>Are you operating an IDN TLD?</li> <li>Are you offering second level domains in any IDN script?         <ul> <li>[If no to both, skip]</li> </ul> </li> <li>Did you receive any Sunrise registrations in any of your supported SLD IDN languages? If so, what percentage of your Sunrise registrations were for IDN domains?</li> <li>Did you receive inquiries about Sunrise registrations for IDN domain names that you didn't support?</li> <li>Did you hear from brand owners in the areas targeted by your IDN who did not understand how to participate in Sunrise or the</li> </ul>

			<ul> <li>TMCH?</li> <li>Did you offer any special registration periods for IDN domain names apart from the TMCH/Sunrise period?</li> </ul>
If a RO operates in a jurisdiction where profane or other words (strings) are prohibited – obtain feedback on its use of Reserved Names lists (Sunrise Charter Question #4)	<ul> <li>Are Registry Operator reserved names practices unfairly limiting participation in Sunrise by trademark holders?</li> <li>Should Section 1.3.3 of Specification 1 of the Registry Agreement be modified to address these concerns?</li> <li>Should Registry Operators be required to publish their reserved names lists - what Registry concerns would be raised by that publication, and what problem(s) would it solve?</li> <li>Should Registries be required to provide Trademark Owners in the TMCH notice, and the opportunity to register the domain name should the Registry release it – what Registry concerns would be raised by this requirement?</li> </ul>	MERGED WITH THE SIMILAR QUESTION ABOVE.	MERGED WITH THE SIMILAR QUESTION ABOVE.

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 Should the Trademark Claims period continue to be uniform for all types of gTLDs in subsequent rounds?

- If you offered an extended Claims period, why?
- Do you believe the Claims period was effective for preventing cybersquatting? Why or why not?
- If ICANN did not mandate a Claims period, but the TMCH still existed, would you voluntarily offer one? If so, what would you do same/different?
- If you run a registry that has an eligibility-restricted TLD, or that offered LRP(s), a QLP, and ALP or other Founders-type program, were there any aspects of the Claims service that didn't work specifically for those TLDs/periods? What aspects? What changes would you make to better align these periods with the Claims service?

• Did you offer an extended Claims period? If so, for how long?

Purpose & Scope	Relevant Charter Question	Sub Team's Suggested Draft Question	s, Notes & Additional Guidance
		Anecdotal Questions	Data Questions
		Survey Introduction: Charter question	4 is a subjective one that can only really
		of information to inform this, although	have had feedback from their customers.
Obtain anecdotal evidence to facilitate Working Group review of Sunrise Charter Questions #4 & #5 (i.e. ROs' use of Reserved Names lists; mandatory vs. optional Sunrise; efficacy of mandatory minimum 30-day Sunrise period)	<ul> <li>Question 4:</li> <li>Are Registry Operator reserved names practices unfairly limiting participation in Sunrise by trademark holders?</li> <li>Should Section 1.3.3 of Specification 1 of the Registry Agreement be modified to address these concerns?</li> <li>Should Registry</li> </ul>	If you did not participate in Sunrise, why?  Have you had feedback from your customers regarding their experiences with registry reserved names in the context of that registry's Sunrise – positive or negative (for example, regarding names matching a trade mark being unavailable for registration or only available at a premium price)  How do you get notified of	<ul> <li>Did you participate in Sunrise?</li> <li>What percentage of registries publish a list of reserved names on their website, provide a list to their accredited registrar, confirm that a name is reserved (either unavailable, or available at a premium price) only once you try to register? Other?</li> <li>How far in advance are reserved names notified to you?</li> </ul>

names lists -- what

be raised by that

• Should Registries be

solve?

Registry concerns would

publication, and what

problem(s) would it

advance notice is either

adequate or inadequate?

Do you have any comments on

the proposal that registries

should publish their lists of

reserved names?

- Did you participate in Sunrise?
  - What percentage of registries publish a list of reserved names on their website, provide a list to their accredited registrar, confirm that a name is reserved (either unavailable, or available at a premium price) only once you try to register? Other?

Comment [13]: This comment referred to Q4 rather than all of the Registrar questions

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Comment [20]: This question was originally draft for registry operators. Sub Team feedback suggested to move this question for registrars. The exact placement of the question may need to be adjusted.

Comment [21]: Suggested on the last call that we swap the order of Charter Qs 4 and 5. Then the "do you participate in Sunrise" and "if not why not" questions could stay here at the start of the registrar section Charter Q 5.

Comment [22]: If the answer to this is no; go to the "if not why not" question and then on to the next section fo questions (which would now be the ones relating to Charter Q4

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Comment [14]: Examples: Brand owners that couldn't get their brand due to reserved names list OR registrants that didn't get a name they wanted because the names was "protectively reserved" for a brand.

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required to provide Some in the Community have Trademark Owners in suggested that if a registry plans the TMCH notice, and to release reserved names for the opportunity to registration they should\_be register the domain offered first to trademark owners with a mark in the name should the Registry release it -TMCH. What would be the what Registrar\_concerns challenges, if any, to doing so, would be raised by this from a technical, operational or requirement? other perspective? Would there be a way to do this which would be less problemmatic? or more so? Consider for example multiple Sunrises, a right of first refusal, or some other process, If you have positive or negative experiences from the process when names collision names were released from reservation that you can share to illustrate your response please do so. • Question 5: • Did you encounter a Sunrise longer From your experience as a (a) Does the current 30-day registrar: Are there any benefits than 30 or 60 days? • What notice [maximum & minimum minimum for a Sunrise or disadvantages to a Sunrise / on average] do you generally get Period serve its intended which is 30 days (start date of the commencement of a start purpose, particularly in view Sunrise); are there any of the fact that many advantages and disadvantages date Sunrise? And an end-date Sunrise? to a 60-day (end date) Sunrise? registry operators actually Does having two models make it • Have you experienced the duration ran a 60-day Sunrise Period? difficult for you? of a Sunrise being extended when Are there any Do you consider the notice that already underway. How much unintended results? Does the ability of you get of Sunrise notice did you get?

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Should registry reserved names be offered first to trademark owners with a mark in the TMCH? What would be the best way to do this? What, if any, technical issues need to be taken into account?

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Comment [18]: I don't disagree with the question, but I think as redrafted the above bullet point now captures

Comment [19]: If the answer to this is no; go to the "if not why not" question and then on to the next section fo questions (which would now be the ones relating to Charter Q4

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Registry Operators to commencement to be expand their Sunrise adequate? If not why not? What Periods create would be adequate notice? uniformity concerns • Do you consider that the notice that should be that you get of addressed by this WG? changes/extension of the Are there any benefits Sunrise term is adequate? If not observed when the why not? What would be Sunrise Period is adequate notice? extended beyond 30 Would there be any benefits, or days? disadvantages, to all registries Are there any running the same standardizeddisadvantages? term Sunrise? What would be the advantages (b) In light of evidence and disadvantages of making gathered above, should the only the Claims or the Sunrise Sunrise Period continue to mandatory. If a registry could be mandatory or become choose only one, what would be optional? the advantages and disadvantages for you as a Should the WG consider returning to the original registrar? recommendations from • Would there be an alternative duration of Sunrise to either of the IRT and STI of the current 30 and 60 day options Sunrise Period OR which would work better for you Trademark Claims in and why? light of other concerns including freedom of expression and fair use? In considering mandatory vs optional, should Registry Operators be allowed to choose between Sunrise and Claims (that is,

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	make ONE mandatory)?		
Specific survey questions for Claims Charter Question #1:  1. What is the abandonment rate associated with reasons other than only a Claims notice being triggered? What is the difference between abandonment rates between those that trigger Claims Notices, and those that don't?	Is the Trademark Claims service having its intended effect? Consider the following questions specifically in the context both of a Claims Notice as well as a Notice of Registered Name:  a. Is the Trademark Claims service having its intended effect of deterring bad-faith registrations and providing notice to domain name applicants?		<ul> <li>Do you have any records of the "abandonment rate" (i.e., domain name applicants who request the registration of a particular domain but do not go through to complete the payment)?</li> <li>If so, what are the rates of abandonment for legacy TLDs and ccTLDs?</li> <li>What is the abandonment rate for a New gTLD during the Claims period – both for names which receive Claims Notices and those which do not? And after the Claims period?</li> </ul>
2. Is there anecdotal data explaining why potential registrants did not complete registrations?	b. Is the Trademark Claims service having any unintended consequences, such as deterring good-faith domain name applications?  NOTE: "follow on" question for Claims Charter Question #1, —  If the answers to 1.a. is "no" or 1.b. is "yes", or if it could be better:	<ul> <li>Do you capture any feedback from registrants as to why they do not complete a purchase on receipt of a Claims Notice?</li> <li>If yes, what are the feedback?</li> <li>Do you have any views of your own as to why registrants do not complete a purchase?</li> <li>Some in the Community think that the duration of the Claims period should be changed. If the Claims period were to be extended, would there be any technical, operational or other</li> </ul>	

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What about the concerns? If the Claims period Trademark Claims were reduced would there be Notice and/or the any technical, operational or Notice of Registered other concerns? If you have Name should be experiences in relation to adjusted, added or Registries which operated an eliminated in order for it extended Claims period which to have its intended would illustrate your answer please share them effect, under each of the following questions? 3. At what point in the • At what point in the registration a. Should the Claims process is a trademark record registration process is a period be extended - if trademark record downloaded? Does this happen so, for how long (up to downloaded? Does this when domain names are placed permanently)? happen when domain in carts, or does it happen when b. Should the Claims names are placed in carts, or payment/attempted period be shortened? does it happen when registrations are done later in c. Should the Claims payment/attempted the process? period be mandatory? registrations are done later Do you collect any feedback d. Should any TLDs be in the process? from your customers regarding exempt from the their understanding of the Claims RPM and if so, trademark Claims Notice? Is which ones and why? there any particular wording e. Should the proof of use which is generally well requirements for understood, or misunderstood? Sunrise be extended to include the issuance of 4. Many registrars take What, if any, challenges do Do you/Did you offer pre-order\_for TMCH notices? orders for domain names new gTLD domain names before you encounter when sending before general availability the launch of GA? Claims Notices in respect of pre-orders do not normally If you offer(ed) pre-order pre-order names or other result in Claims Notices registration for new gTLD domain operations? being presented until within names before the launch of GA, Were there any particular 48 hours of general when was the Claims Notice TLDs or types of TLDs where submitted to the customer? availability - does this

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contribute to the abandonment rate? If so, to what extent are pre-ordered domain name registrations abandoned?	the operation of the Claims was technically or operationally difficult, or where Claims was otherwise problematic-or-unnecessary? Please explain.  • What aspects of the Trademark Claims RPMs conflicted with your domain names sales/operations? Is the way the claims period described in the RPM too prescriptive?
5. Would it be feasible for registrars to run surveys of domain name applicants during subsequent rounds of new gTLDs for anecdotal evidence on why registrations are being abandoned? Is this something ICANN should mandate?	<ul> <li>Given the registration process that you operate, would it be feasible for you and/or your resellers to run surveys of domain name applicants who decide not to proceed with a registration during subsequent rounds of new gTLDs for anecdotal evidence on why registrations are being abandoned?</li> <li>Are there any technical or procedural reasons which would make this impossible or disproportionately difficult or costly?</li> </ul>
6. Has the TM Claims Notice been translated into the	<ul><li>Where are you (registrar) located?</li><li>What languages other than English</li></ul>

## Comment [27]: Ask questions along this line:

- \*Should domain name applicants receive Claims Notice only:
- at the time they apply for the domain name
- at the time their domain name is registered? Please explain your answer.
- \*Is the timing of receiving Claims Notice
- very important
- somewhat important
- not important?

Comment [28]: Disagree with this suggestion. This is not a question for registrars and elicits only opinion. We have asked for the relevant information elsewhere in terms of what feedback if any registrars have from their customers; and about issues arising from preorder names

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language of the registration			do you use for your registration
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registrants in that language?		•	Do you translate the Claims Notice
			into all of these languages?

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3. Survey of TM & Brand O	wners			
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Obtain feedback on Sunrise Charter Questions #2, #4 & #5 (whether Premium Pricing and the use of Premium Names and Reserved Names lists affected TM owners' willingness to participate in Sunrise; whether intended purpose of mandatory 30-day Sunrise fulfilled, and whether Sunrise should be mandatory/optional)	Question 2:  Does Registry Sunrise or Premium Name pricing practices unfairly limit the ability of trademark owners to participate during Sunrise?  If so, how extensive is this problem?	■ If price impacted your ability to seek Sunrise Period registration, how did it affect your decision?  ■ In the gTLDs that you decided not to seek Sunrise Period registration due to price:  □ ▼ □ What did you do afterwards?  □ Did you wait until general availability? (depends on the question)  ■ If you have not submitted Proof of Use for any of your trademarks with the TMCH in order to take part in Sunrise Services, why?  ■ What factors have you considered in deciding whether to apply to register your	Do you or your company own registrations for any trademarks? If so, how many? If not, stop survey. Have you registered any of your trademarks with the TMCH? If so, how many? If not, stop survey. Have you submitted Proof of Use for any of your trademarks with t TMCH in order to take part in Sunrise Services? If so, how many? Have you applied to register any of your trademarks in a New gTLD during a Sunrise Period? If so, which ones? In what gTLDs?	

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trademark during any Sunrise Period? • Did price impact your ability to seek Sunrise Period registration? Was the price of registering in a gTLD a factor in your decision whether to apply or not? In what gTLDs did you decide not to seek Sunrise Period registration due to price? What was the price you paid? If you remember the price, please indicate what it was. Was the reason for the pricing explained to you? Question 4: • Have you tried to register a • Are Registry Operator name in Sunrise Period and reserved names could not? If so: Were you informed or do practices unfairly you know the reason for limiting participation in Sunrise by trademark non-registration? If so, what was it? holders? • Should Section 1.3.3 of • Could you give us an example of Specification 1 of the a name that you could not Registry Agreement be register in the Sunrise Period? modified to address • Have you contacted the Registry these concerns? NOTE: Operator to inquire about these I have not included this refused names? trademarks? in questions to • If you contacted the Registry trademark owners Operator, were you able to get because it would be the name released to register?

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Comment [31]: Find cost-effective ways of allowing willing respondents to be contacted if they wish to provide more specific details about pricing.

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Comment [33]: Staff to research the purpose of the 30-day minimum for a Sunrise Period service.

## Question 5:

(a) Does the current 30-day minimum for a Sunrise Period serve its intended purpose, particularly in view of the fact that many registry operators actually ran a 60-day Sunrise Period?

- Are there any unintended results?
- Does the ability of Registry Operators to expand their Sunrise Periods create uniformity concerns that should be addressed by this WG?
- Are there any benefits observed when the Sunrise Period is extended beyond 30

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how?

 Did you attempt to register any of your trademarks in any gTLDs during the Sunrise Period?

to register the domain name

 If so, why do you believe this should be the case?

Sunrise Period registration been affected by Registry Operator reservation of names? If so,

upon its release?

• Has your participation in

- Did you attempt to register any of your trademarks in any gTLDs during a Sunrise Period but you missed the registration window?
- If so, why did you miss the registration window end date?
- Were you confused about the ending date of the Sunrise Period registration window?
- Are you aware of any domains that contain strings that are identical to or confusingly similar to any of your TMCH registered trademarks that were applied for after the Sunrise Period?
- Do you believe the 30-day

[Redline Copy] Formatted: Font:(Default) Calibri, (Asian) Calibri, Italic days? minimum for a Sunrise Period Are there any provides a sufficient period for disadvantages? trademark owners to take advantage of the Sunrise Period? Deleted: serves its intended purpose? [NOTE: I think we need to identify that purpose as a preface to these Do you believe the 60-period (b) In light of evidence questions gathered above, should the observed by many registry Sunrise Period continue to operators would be more be mandatory or become appropriate? optional? o If so, why? Comment [35]: Input from Sub Team: Seems to get subsumed if we rephrase anecdotal question no.2 and Should the WG o Are you aware of any add new data questions on the right. benefits from a Sunrise consider returning to the original Period extended beyond 30 recommendations from days? the IRT and STI of Are you aware of any Sunrise Period OR disadvantages or negative Trademark Claims in effects from a Sunrise Period light of other concerns extended beyond 30 days? including freedom of Formatted: Font:(Default) Calibri, (Asian) Calibri, 11 pt expression and fair Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.75" use? Do you believe that the Sunrise Deleted: <#>What benefits have you observed when a In considering Period should continue to be Sunrise Period is extended beyond 30 days? .. ... [7] mandatory vs optional, mandatory in New gTLDs or should it be optional? should Registry Operators be allowed o If so, why? Deleted: W to choose between o If not, why not? Deleted: W Sunrise and Claims • Do you believe having a Sunrise Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri, (Asian) Calibri, 11 pt (that is, make ONE Period but no Claims Service mandatory)? would be a better means for

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 Do you believe having a Claims Service but no Sunrise Period would be a better means for meeting the goals of the TMCH and these Rights Protection Mechanisms? o If so, why? If not, why not? • Jf you believe having a Claims Service\_or having a Sunrise Period should be made optional, should Registry Operators be allowed to choose which to incorporate in their Registry operations? o If so, why? o If not, why not? Obtain feedback on number (a) Does the Trademark • What did you do in response to How many NORNs have you of cease-and-desist letters Claims Notice to domain the Notifications of Registered received for your TMCH registered Name (NORNs)? sent (Claims Charter name applicants meet its trademarks? Question #3 - whether intended purpose? Based on your experience, do How many of these NORNs did you Claims serves its intended i. If not, is it intimidating, you believe the Trademark follow up with some actions? hard to understand, or Claims Notice to domain name O What actions did you take? purpose) otherwise inadequate? applicants has met its intended (possible multiple choice) Do you believe your actions o If inadequate, how purpose of notifying applicants can it be of possible conflict with a were successful? If not, why? improved? registered trademark? The primary method for ii. Does it inform domain Do you\_believe the Trademark Trademark owners would be a letter of concern or a ceasename applicants of the Claims Notice\_has met its scope and limitations of intended purpose? and-desist letter. o If so, why? What response did you get and trademark holders' rights? o If not,, why not? are you satisfied? If so, why? If

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Comment [37]: The Claims Notice is intended to provide clear notice to the prospective domain nameregistrant of the scope of the Trademark Holder's rights.

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domain name registrations, as opposed to those who are attempting to register domain names that are	<ul> <li>If not, please explain.</li> <li>What might you change in the Claims Notice to better advise applicants</li> </ul>		
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Comment [39]: Need to include a copy of Claims Notice for survey respondent to review.

Comment [40]: These questions may be hard for trademark owners to answer.

Suggestion to leave out the questions about the content of the Claims Notice and instead ask about the reactions, actions, and responses by the applicants.

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intended to be addressed by

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Charter Question #4(a))

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based on the registration and/or

- How many UDRP, URS or litigation proceedings have you brought based on the registration and/or use of domain names that are exact matches of your trademarks (1) those registered in the TMCH and (2) others?
- How many UDRP, URS or litigation proceedings have you brought based on the registration and/or use of domain names that are not exact matches of your trademarks – (1) those registered in the TMCH and (2) others?
- Of the UDRP Actions you have filed, how many have been against each of the following:
  - Domain Name is exact duplicate of TRADEMARK
  - Domain Name contains exact
     duplicate of TRADEMARK and
     some other elements
  - o <u>Domain Name contains</u> intentional misspelling or creative spelling of the TRADEMARK (Typosquat)

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the Trademark Claims service of

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harm being addressed before

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Do you have any evidence that

you, your company or your

trademarks, or your ability to

register domain names have

been harmed in any way by the

fact that Claims Notices are only

o Please describe it.

issued to Exact Match

• Do you have any evidence that

broadening the comparison

bases for issuing Trademark

**Claims Notifications to include** 

variants of trademarks and not

useful and protect the rights of both trademark owners and

only exact matches would be

domain name applicants?

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Do you have any evidence of

statement of non-infringement,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Charter question had the following note: "In conducting this analysis, recall that IDNs and Latin-based words with accents and umlauts are currently not serviced or recognized by many registries."

			Please provide this evidence or vour observations.	
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4. Survey of Domain Name Registrants				
Purpose & Scope	Relevant Charter Question	Sub Team's Suggested Draft Questions, Notes & Additional Guidance		
		Anecdotal Questions	Data Questions	
		Survey Introduction: This survey is about domain names and the process above registering domain names. Examples of domains are amazon.com, shoes.copetdogs.de.  In this scheme, .comuk, and .de are called top-level domains.  Domain names are used by individuals and organizations to put up web site merchandize, create communities, publish blogs, and establish branded emaddresses.  In the last three years over 1000 new domains have been introduced. These domains might be: city types (e.g., .london, .nyc), generic types (e.g., .club, .art, .vip, .shop, .blog, .eco).		
Obtain anecdotal evidence on effect of Claims Notices (Claims Charter Question #1(b))	Is the Trademark Claims service having any unintended consequences, such as deterring good-faith domain name applications? <sup>2</sup>	If you have, within the last three years, registered or even initiated the registration of a domain in of the "new" types of top-level domains, please type the first three letter of the top-level domain where	Have you, within the last three years, registered or initiated the registration of a domain in of the "new" types of top-level domains? These domains might be: city types (e.g., .london, .nyc), generic types (e.g., .club, .art, .vip, .shop, .blog, .eco).	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Note the "follow on" question if the answer to this sub-question is Yes: "What about the Trademark Claims Notice and/or the Notice of Registered Name should be adjusted, added or eliminated in order for it to have its intended effect, under each of the following questions?

Comment [48]: The whole goal is to get reach registrants who tried to register domain names -- started the registration process -- even if they did not complete it after a TM Notice popped up.

Comment [49]: The surveyor should have thoughts about the best way to screen for the kinds of people who are likely to encounter this process--those who are likely registrants.

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a. Should the Claims period be extended - if so, for how long (up to permanently)?

b. Should the Claims period be shortened?

c. Should the Claims period be mandatory?

d. Should any TLDs be exempt from the Claims RPM and if so, which ones and why?

e. Should the proof of use requirements for Sunrise be extended to include the issuance of TMCH notices?

Obtain "more granular data about the percentage of those who abandoned registration attempts in response to a notice based on dictionary terms versus those who abandoned attempts in response to distinctive trademarks" (quote from Sub Team report on Claims Charter Question #1(b))

Obtain feedback on

#3)

number of cease-and-

desist letters received

(Claims Charter Question

 Is the Trademark Claims service having any unintended consequences, such as deterring good-faith domain name applications?<sup>3</sup>

- (a) Does the Trademark Claims Notice to domain name applicants meet its intended purpose?
- i. If not, is it intimidating, hard to understand, or otherwise inadequate?
  - If inadequate, how can it be improved?
- ii. Does it inform domain name applicants of the scope and limitations of trademark holders' rights?
  - o If not, how can it be improved?
- iii. Are translations of the Trademark Claims Notice

- you registered a name.
- How did you react to objection to your choice of a domain name?
  - Proceeded? Why?
  - o Did not proceed? Why? [after opportunity for verbatim response, some selections about reasons--not worth the time, not sure about legal rights, not sure if I would get sued--phrasing to be discussed with surveyor] [Repeat as necessary if there are additional domain names] [if no, proceed to comprehension questions: if you received a notice that said ...]
- How did you react to this notice:
   Show notice:
   [Explain in your own words what you understand the notice to mean]
   [Ask more comprehension questions: you may or may not have rights...]

## [if no, terminate survey]

- Have you received any kind of objection to your choice of a domain name?
  - o If so, what type?
- When you registered names in any of the new top-level domains, did you receive a notice that stated: [....]
- [These next questions should be asked of people who said they did receive an objection; it might be possible to ask people who didn't receive an objection about their beliefs too but the questions would have to be different;.] How did you react to objection to your choice of a domain name?
  - o Proceeded with the registration? Why?
  - o Did not proceed? Why?

    [after opportunity for verbatim
    response, some selections about
    reasons--not worth the time, not sure
    about legal rights, not sure if I would
    get sued--phrasing to be discussed with
    surveyor]
    [Repeat as necessary if there are
  - additional domain names]
    (a) [if no, proceed to comprehension questions: if you received a notice that said ...]
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Note the "follow on" question, as above.

effective in informing domain name applicants of the scope and limitation of trademark holders' rights?

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domain name registrations,
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attempting to register
domain names that are
matches to entries in the
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 If, when registering your domain <u>name</u>, you <u>decided to abandon the</u> registration, is it because you believed;

- (a) be sued or be subject to an action to take the domain if you continued
- (b) someone else had a legal right to the name.
- (c) you had no legitimate or legal right to the name.
- (d) it just seemed like too much trouble to continue.

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Have you received such a notice on more than one occasion?

 If you received other notices, How did you react to the second (and other) notices?
 [same options as above]

• Have you received any kind of objection in writing or in email to your choice of a domain name?

o If so, please describe i and your reaction?

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Purpose & Scope	Relevant Charter Question	Sub Team's Suggested Draft Questions, Notes & Additional Guidance		
		Anecdotal Questions	Data Questions	
		sell merchandize, create communities email addresses.	mples of domains are amazon.com, called top-level domains. s and organizations to put up web sites s, publish blogs, and establish branded domains have been introduced. These ndon, .nyc), generic types	
Obtain "more granular data about the percentage of those who abandoned registration attempts in response to a notice based on dictionary terms versus *those who abandoned	<ul> <li>Is the Trademark Claims service having any unintended consequences, such as deterring good- faith domain name applications?<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>	Show notice: [Explain in your own words what you understand the notice to mean] [Ask more comprehension questions: you may or may not have rights]	<ul> <li>Have you ever registered a domain name?</li> <li>Do you plan on registering a domain name in the next year?</li> <li>Would you consider one of thes new domains?</li> <li>Have you attempted to register</li> </ul>	
attempts in response to distinctive trademarks" (Claims Charter Question #1(b))		Separate survey/inquiry of IBM and/or Analysis Group: data on past potential registrants who	domain name in one of these new domains? [if no to both, terminate survey; if the answer is yes to the "attempt"	
Show copy of Claims Notice to average Internet users who are likely to register a	Question 1: Is the Trademark Claims service having its intended effect?	didn't turn into registrants: those who received notices and did not proceed. See	question, ask if they succeeded; if so send to registrant survey; if no, ask questions about why not & if they	

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domain - to test understanding of the notice (in multiple languages, using languages into which the TMCH has translated its website) (Claims Charter Questions #1 & #3) Consider the following questions specifically in the context both of a Claims Notice as well as a Notice of Registered Name:

- a. Is the Trademark Claims service having its intended effect of deterring badfaith registrations and providing notice to domain name applicants?
- b. Is the Trademark Claims service having any unintended consequences, such as deterring goodfaith domain name applications?

#### Question 3:

- a. Does the Trademark Claims Notice to domain name applicants meet its intended purpose?
  - i. If not, is it intimidating, hard to understand, or otherwise inadequate?
    - If inadequate, how can it be improved?
  - ii. Does it inform domain name applicants of the scope and limitations of trademark holders'

distribution of numbers who were trying for "hotel" and other top ten/top 100 results and numbers who were trying for "xerox"—mode is also a significant number

#### received a ™ notice]

- If, when registering your domain, you received a notice with the following wording, would you believe you were:
  - (a) legally allowed to continue with the registration
  - (b) not legally allowed to continue
  - (c) not be sure if you were legally allowed to continue?[Why/why not? – anecdotal question]
- If, when registering your domain, you received a notice with the following wording, would you believe you would:
  - (a) definitely get sued if you continued
  - (b) might or might not get sued
  - (c) definitely would not get sued if you continued?
    [Why/why not? -]
- If, when registering your domain, you received a notice with the following wording, would you believe that:
  - (a) you had a legal right to continue with the registration?
  - (b) you might or might not have a legal right to continue with the registration?

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- If not, how can it be improved?
- iii. Are translations of the Trademark Claims Notice effective in informing domain name applicants of the scope and limitation of trademark holders' rights?
- b. Should Claims Notifications only be sent to registrants who complete domain name registrations, as opposed to those who are attempting to register domain names that are matches to entries in the TMCH?

(c) you had no legal right to continue with the registration? [Why/why not?]

- What would you do if you received a notice with the following wording:
  - (a) continue with the registration
  - (b) not continue with the registration
  - (c) consult someone else [who]
  - (d) something else [explain] [Consider some cells using examples: e.g., xerox.careers, apple.farms, chipotles.sucks—what would they do if they received notices?]
- If you registered names in any of the new top-level domains, did you receive a notice that stated: ....
- If you have registered a domain name, have you received any kind of objection to your choice of a domain name? If yes, what was it? URS, UDRP, letter from a lawyer, lawsuit, don't know/not sure, something else [fill in w/ survey expert consultation]
- Did you keep the domain name after the objection? [Yes/no/explain]
- Have you received such a notice

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Comment [56]: Also worth discussing--partly this is a comprehension issue, partly we may want UDRP data.

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		Anecdotal Questions	Data Questions
		Survey Introduction:	·
Obtain feedback on Sunrise Charter Question #5 (mandatory vs. optional Sunrise and efficacy of 30- day mandatory minimum Sunrise period)	<ul> <li>a. Does the current 30-day minimum for a Sunrise Period serve its intended purpose, particularly in view of the fact that many registry operators actually ran a 60-day Sunrise Period?         <ul> <li>Are there any unintended results?</li> <li>Does the ability of Registry Operators to expand their Sunrise Periods create uniformity concerns that should be addressed by this WG?</li> <li>Are there any benefits observed when the Sunrise Period is extended beyond 30 days?</li> <li>Are there any disadvantages?</li> <li>In light of evidence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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gathered above, should the Sunrise Period continue to be mandatory or become optional? • Should the WG consider returning to the original recommendations from the IRT and STI of Sunrise Period OR Trademark Claims in light of other concerns including freedom of expression and fair use? • In considering mandatory vs optional, should Registry Operators be allowed to choose between Sunrise and Claims (that is, make ONE mandatory)?

## **General Comments / Instructions for Survey Provider**

- Get as much empirical information as possible, but also give the opportunity for anecdotal follow-on questions.
- Enable respondents to provide more information by building in an entirely separate, non-mandatory additional field to elaborate on certain response. Not necessarily a full other survey, though.
- Allow respondents to skip certain questions and continue with the survey.

# **Glossary Table**

Term	Definition	Learn More
Applicant Guidebook (AGB)	An ICANN guidebook describing the requirements and the entire application and evaluation processes of applying for new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) in the 2012 New gTLD Program.	https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb
Approved Launch Program (ALP)	A program launched in November 2013 that allows the Registry Operator to conduct a registration program for its TLDs prior to the start date of their Sunrise Period.	http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/trademark-clearinghouse/launch-applicationprocess-12nov13-en.pdf
Cease and Desist Letter	A document sent to an individual or business to stop purportedly illegal activity ("cease") and to not restart later ("desist").	
Community Top-Level Domain	A Community TLD is a regulated type of gTLD made possible through ICANN's New gTLD Program. It is intended for community groups that are interested in operating their own TLD registry. The term "Community" should be interpreted broadly, including an economic sector, a cultural community, or a linguistic community. Community groups are given precedence for TLDs in contention. If there are multiple applicants for a given string, and one applicant applies and proves community status, the community group is automatically given precedence to the TLD.	https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/cpe
Cybersquatting	Cybersquatting is generally bad faith	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/cybe

	registration of another's trademark in a domain name. It is the action of attempting to profit by purchasing domain names made of marketable and trademark related terms, and later reselling or licensing those names back to the companies that developed the trademark.	rsquatting-2013-05-03-en
End Date Sunrise	It is a type of Sunrise registration. The Registry has no advance notice requirement to trademark owners but must provide the Sunrise registration service for a minimum of 60 calendar days prior to General Registration, and must not use a time-based allocation method (e.g., first come, first served). At the end of the period, all the claims are registered by the Registry and auctions are conducted if there is more than one claim for the same domain. The majority of registries who have launched to date have offered an End-Date Sunrise.	
Exact Match	A domain name label is an identical match to the trademark, meaning that the label must consist of the complete and identical textual elements of the trademark in accordance with section 4.2.1 of the Trademark Clearinghouse Guidelines. For example, if the Trademark Holder's trademark is AB, then the domain name label that is applicable must be AB for it to be deemed an Exact Match. If the Trademark Holder's Trademark label is èé, then the identical label is èé and not ee.	http://www.trademark-clearinghouse.com/sites/default/files/files/downloads/TMCH%20guidelines%20v1.0%20_1.pdf#page=18

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Founders' Program	Some new gTLD registries  (e.g., .BANK, .BLOG, .EARTH) offered up some of their "premium" domain names to companies that wanted to develop a business or website using one of their domain names prior the public launch. In some cases, domain names were given away for free if specific requirements and hurdles were met. In other cases, reserved domain names were sold.	https://domaininvesting.com/find-founders- program/
General Availability (GA)	GA is the period when, during the introduction of a new TLD, registration becomes open to the public. During this period, which follows the Sunrise Period, applications may be submitted for registration.	
Geographic Top-Level Domain (GeoTLD)	GeoTLD is a TLD category denoting geographical, geopolitical, ethnic, linguistic, or cultural community. Examples include .london, .asia, .cat.	https://ccnso.icann.org/en/workinggroups/cc wg-unct.htm
Internationalized Domain Name (IDN)	IDNs are domain names that include characters used in the local representation of languages that are not written with the twenty-six letters of the basic Latin alphabet "a-z" and the "0-9" digits (they are termed "ASCII characters" ASCII = American Standard Code for Information Interchange). An IDN can contain Latin letters with diacritical marks, as required by many European languages, or may consist of characters from non-Latin scripts such as	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/idn- 2012-02-25-en

	Arabic or Chinese.	
Limited Registration Period (LRP)	LRP is voluntary service provided by registries. It is intended to provide additional flexibility for registration of domain names to a closed group, based on Sunrise-like periods other than trademark rights. LRP must have registration restrictions limiting domain names from being generally available to all domain name registrants who may be otherwise qualified to register domain names within that new gTLD.	
Premium Names	A registry operator may reserve certain premium names for later release (after the Sunrise Period) at its sole discretion. Registry Operators may classify generic terms as premium names, and, in that event, such names are not available for registration during the Sunrise period even if they are the subject of a trademark record.	
Pre-Order / Pre-Registration	New gTLD registries offer opportunities for potential registrants to reserve a specific domain name after the Sunrise Period and before General Availability when any qualifying entity in the public can register any name. Some domains can be pre-registered / pre-ordered at varying price points, similar to an auction. Some pre-registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-Registration is available to everyone, and there are no trademark requirements.	

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Proof of Use	Proof of use allows a trademark owner to participate in Sunrise periods when attempting to register domain names with new gTLDs. To verify the proof of use of trademarks, trademark owners must submit a declaration stating that the trademark is indeed being used as the trademark owner says it is. Examples to show that the mark is in use include an advertisement and/or a branded product.	https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/trademark-clearinghouse/faqs
Qualified Launch Program (QLP)	A program launched in April 2014 that allows registries to register up to 100 domain names to third parties prior to Sunrise, for purposes of promoting the TLD, under certain conditions.	https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/tradem ark-clearinghouse/rpm-requirements-qlp- addendum-10apr14-en.pdf
Name Collision	A name collision occurs when an attempt to resolve a name used in a private name space (e.g. under a non-delegated TLD, or a short, unqualified name) results in a query to the public Domain Name System (DNS). When the administrative boundaries of private and public namespaces overlap, name resolution may yield unintended or harmful results. The introduction of any new domain name into the DNS, whether a generic TLD, country code TLD, or second-level domain name, creates the potential for name collision.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/nam e-collision-2013-12-06-en
New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD)	When you type a web address, it usually ends with .com, .net, .org, and so on. These labels are called the generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs). Before 1998, the domain namespace	https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/

	consisted of only eight gTLDs and over 250 ccTLDs – the top-level domains associated with countries and territories. After 2000, this digital landscape started to change. That year, ICANN introduced seven new gTLDs including .biz, .info, and .museum; in 2004, eight more, including .asia, .travel, and .xxx, were made available. Based on the results of these two trial rounds, ICANN communities produced a set of principles and recommendations on implementing new gTLDs over 18-month long policy discussions. After the adoption of this policy, the New gTLD Program was officially launched in 2012, commencing a massive expansion of the Internet. More than 1,930 new gTLD applications were received from around the world, and as of today, over 1,200 new gTLDs have been delegated.	
Notification of Registered Name (NORN)	Notifications sent by the TMCH to a trademark holder during a Sunrise Period or Trademark Claims Period that a domain name has been registered that matches labels for one of the trademark holder's Trademark Records.	
Registrant	Individuals or organizations that apply for one or more domain names with a registry. Also, a domain name registrant is the person or organization who has registered the domain name. Some domain name registrants may be trademark holders.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/regi strant-rights-2013-09-16-en and https://whois.icann.org/en/domain-name- registration-process

Registrar	Registrars are entities that interface with a domain name registrant to register or maintain the registration of domain names in a top-level domain (TLD). In existing TLDs, domain registrants use any of the approximately 1,000 ICANN accredited registrars to register and maintain their registrations of domain names.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registrars-0d-2012-02-25-en
Registration Agreement	A registry operator of a top-level domain must enter a contract, which is termed Registry Agreement (RA), with ICANN in order to operate and maintain a generic TLD (gTLD). Through the Registry Agreement, ICANN designates a registry operator as the registry operator for a particular TLD, subject to the requirements and necessary approvals for delegation of the TLD and entry into the root zone. The Registry Agreement is subject to changes by consensus policy that has been developed through the GNSO's Policy Development Process (PDP).	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registries/registries-agreements-en
Registry	Registries are the contracted parties that manage TLDs through authority delegated to them by ICANN. Registries selected in the new gTLD program are mandated to use Clearinghouse services to ensure a minimum level of protection for trademark rights.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registries/registries-en
Registry Operator	The entity entering into the Registry Agreement with ICANN, responsible for setting up and maintaining the operation of the registry.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registries/registries-en

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Reserved Names	A registry operator may reserve a domain name from registration as allowed by Specification 9, Registry Operator Code of Conduct, Section 1(b), of the New gTLD Registry Agreement.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rese rved-2013-07-08-en
Restricted Top-Level Domain	A restricted TLD is a top-level domain whose registration is limited to people or entities that satisfy certain criteria. Both generic TLDs and country code TLDs can have restriction. It is up to the TLD's registry to implement registrictions and decide on the criteria for those restrictions.	
Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs)	The RPMs refer to those policies and processes developed to provide workable mechanisms for trademark owners to either prevent or remedy certain unauthorized uses of their trademarks at the second level of gTLDs. As the longest standing RPM, the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. As part of the 2012 New gTLD Program, additional RPMs were developed subsequently to supplement the UDRP: 1) the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) and the associated Sunrise and Trademark Claims services, 2) the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure (URS), and 3) the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP).	https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/rpm-final-issue-11jan16-en.pdf https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rpm-drp-2017-10-04-en
Start-Date Sunrise	This is another type Sunrise registration. Registry must provide the service for a	

	minimum of 30 calendar days prior to General Registration and must provide 30 calendar days' notice prior to the start of the Sunrise period. Trademark-related domains are registered on first-come, first-served (or other) basis.	
Statement of Non-Infringement	A party may apply to the court for a declaration that an act does not, or a proposed act would not, constitute an infringement of a patent. It must be shown that, prior to seeking the declaration, that party has applied in writing to the proprietor for a written acknowledgement to the effect of the declaration claimed, and has furnished with full particulars in writing of the act in question, and the proprietor has refused or failed to give any such acknowledgement.	https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx ?g=3c3029bc-b633-4f9d-8377-a4a412bf5702
Sunrise Period	The Sunrise Period is a pre-launch phase providing trademark owners, whose trademarks have been validated by the TMCH, with an opportunity to register domain names corresponding to their marks in the new gTLD before registration is generally available to the public. The Sunrise Period is mandatory in all new gTLDs with a minimum period of at least 30 days.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/sdrp -2013-10-31-en
Trademark Claims	A service that generates real-time notice to someone attempting to register a domain name if it matches a trademark in the Trademark Clearinghouse. It also notifies trademark holders when domain names are	https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/announcemen ts-and-media/announcement-09sep13-en

	registered that match marks in the Clearinghouse. It is a mandatory service in all new gTLDs.	
Trademark Claims Period	The Trademark Claims Period follows the Sunrise Period and runs for at least the first 90 days of general registration for a new gTLD. During this period, anyone attempting to register a domain name matching a trademark record of a trademark holder that has been verified by TMCH will receive a notification displaying the relevant mark information. If the notified party goes ahead and registers the domain name, the TMCH will send a notice to those trademark holders with matching records in the Clearinghouse, informing them that someone has registered the domain name.	https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/trademark-clearinghouse/faqs
Trademark Claims Notice	It is a notice sent by ICANN-accredited registrars to anyone attempting to register a domain name matching a mark that is recorded in the Trademark Clearinghouse. The notice must be in the form specified in the TMCH Rights Protection Mechanism Requirements, and sent in real time and in English.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/tm-claims-2014-01-29-en
Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH)	The TMCH is the central repository for verified brands for the purpose of protecting brands in ICANN's 2012 new gTLD program. The TMCH consists of two primary functions: (i) the authentication of contact information and verification of Trademark Records and (ii)	http://www.trademark-clearinghouse.com/ https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-regext- tmch-func-spec-03

	the storage of such Trademark Records in a database in order to provide information to the new gTLD registries to support the providing of Notification of Registered Name. Deloitte has been appointed by ICANN to provide the Clearinghouse Verification Services, a part of the Trademark Clearinghouse.	
Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution (UDRP)	All ICANN-accredited registrars must follow the UDRP. Under this policy, disputes over entitlement to a domain-name registration are ordinarily resolved by court litigation between the parties claiming rights to the registration. Once the courts rule who is entitled to the registration, the registrar will implement that ruling. In disputes arising from registrations allegedly made abusively, UDRP provides an expedited administrative procedure to allow the dispute to be resolved without the cost and delays often encountered in court litigation. In these cases, a complaint can be filed with one of the dispute-resolution service providers to invoke the administrative procedure.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/help/dndr/udrp-en
Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS)	A Rights Protection Mechanism, modeled on the UDRP, aims to provide trademark holder with a fast and reasonably inexpensive way to obtain the suspension of a domain name that was registered and used in bad faith.	https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/urs-2014-01-09-en https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs/procedure-01mar13-en.pdf https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs/rules-28jun13-en.pdf

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Did you reserve domain names that you knew were trademarks?

If so, were those reserved names also "dictionary" words?

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Split this question into multiple questions.

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Do you get adequate notice of the commencement of Sunrises?

Do you get adequate notice regarding changes/extension of the Sunrise term[1]?

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In what gTLDs did you decide not to seek Sunrise Period registration due to price?

[2]What was the price you paid? If you remember the price, please indicate what it was. Was the reason for the pricing explained to you?

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Are you aware of any other trademark registration owners who have decided not to apply to register their trademarks as domain names during Sunrise Periods due to the price of registration? If so, how many of these trademark owners are you aware of?

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Do you believe Registries will have any issue with this requirement?

If so, what would those issues be?

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What benefits have you observed when a Sunrise Period is extended beyond 30 days?[3] What disadvantages have you observed when a Sunrise Period is extended beyond 30 days?

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Suggest to include a preamble to clarify the proper timing to send out the Claims Notice to domain name applicants.

Question format: multiple choice

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How many of these NORNs Claims Notices did[4] you follow with some action a cease and desist letter?

What action did you take?

What response did you get? Are you satisfied? If so, why? If not, why not?

Was it resolved? What was the resolution?

How many times did the applicant to whom you sent a cease and desist letter agree to abandon its application as a result of your cease and desist letter?

How many times did the applicant to whom you sent a cease and desist letter refuse to abandon its application?

How many URS, UDRP or other actions did you file against applicants to whom you sent a cease and desist letter that refused to abandon their applications based on likelihood of confusion, cybersquatting or bad faith[5]?

In how many such actions did the applicant abandon its application prior to decision?

In how many such actions did you succeed? In how many such actions did you lose?

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Have you ever registered a domain n[6][7][8][9] ame? [if no, terminate survey]

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Have you received any kind of objection to your choice of a domain name? If so, what type? [ask more questions][10]

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If, when registering your domain, you received, for the first time, a notice with the following wording, didwould you:

proceed with the registration without thinking about it much

thinkformation

abandon the registration about the notice and carefully consider whether you should continue with the registration

seek additional information

abandon the registration

(a)

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If, when registering your domain, you proceeded with the registration, is it because received a notice with the following wording, would you believed you were:

legally allowed to continue with the registration

other?

(a)

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If, when registering your domain, you received a notice with the following wording, would you believe that:

you had a legal right to continue with the registration

you might or might not have a legal right to continue with the registration

you had no legal right to continue with the registration?

[Why/why not? – anecdotal question]

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What would you do if you received a notice with the following wording:

continue with the registration

not continue with the registration

consult someone else [who]

something else [explain]

[Consider some cells using examples: e.g., xerox.careers, apple.farms, chipotles.sucks—what would they do if they received notices?