Proposal for URS Policy and Operational Recommendations

IMPORTANT
- *This form is used by RPM Working Group members to submit proposals for URS policy and operational recommendations. Please submit to ariel.liang@icann.org.*
- ***Proposals submitted not using the required form will not be in order and will not be discussed***.
- ***One individual form must contain only one proposal for one recommendation.***
- *Answer to every text field is required and mandatory(*).*
- *As soon as practical after receiving the submissions, staff will forward the proposals to the Working Group email list.*
- *The final date for submission of member proposals is **COB on Friday, 31 August 2018**. Any proposal received after that date will not be in order and will not be discussed.*

I. General Questions

*1. Proponent's Full Name

If this proposal is developed by more than one WG member, please write the full names of all proponents involved

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*2. What type of URS recommendation are you proposing?

___ Policy

_X__ Operational Fix

___ Other (please specify: _____)

*3. What URS recommendation are you proposing?
Please be succinct as well as substantially specific and not general in nature. One proposal for one recommendation only.

All URS Suspension pages must be delivered in both HTTP and HTTPS versions.

II. Justification Statement

> **IMPORTANT**
> - Must be no more than **250 words** in length for each of two sections below.
> - Should state the operational or policy rationale for the proposal.
> - Should cite any evidence in support of it. Such evidence may be information developed by the Sub Teams or documented in other sources.

*4. What is your rationale for the proposal? (250 words max)

URS Suspension pages have a clear purpose, namely to provide notice to the registrant and the public that a domain name has been suspended after an adverse URS ruling. However, that URS Suspension page might not be visible for TLDs that have HSTS-preloading of their entire TLD (as in the .app TLD) if the Suspension Page is only delivered via HTTP. Requiring HTTPS versions of the page ensures that the intent of the policy is not thwarted, and that registrants and the public can always see the suspension page.

*5. What evidence do you have in support of your proposal? Please detail the source of your evidence. (250 words max)

The evidence for this was posted on the RPM PDP mailing list in June, see:

https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-rpm-wg/2018-June/003139.html

when the first URS complaint involving a .app domain name was decided, and the suspension page wasn't visible.

Kathy Kleiman confirmed this evidence, in her reply to that email:

https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-rpm-wg/2018-June/003144.html

III. Pertinent Questions
- *The proposal must address the following three questions*
- *Can be no more than **250 words** in length for each of two sections below.*

*6. Where and how has this issue been addressed (or not) by the Working Group or the Sub Teams to date? (250 words max)

I first brought this to the attention of the Working Group in May 2018, in the thread at:

https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-rpm-wg/2018-May/003112.html
https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-rpm-wg/2018-May/003119.html

which continued into June 2018:

https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-rpm-wg/2018-June/003139.html
https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-rpm-wg/2018-June/003144.html

*7. Does the data collected and reviewed by the Sub Teams show a need to address this issue and develop recommendations accordingly? (250 words max)

The URS Sub Teams did not collect any relevant data for this issue.

*8. If not already addressed above, on the basis of what information, gathered from what source or Sub Team, is this proposal based, if any? Please provide details. (250 words max)

The source was direct observation of a failure of the URS policy in this "edge case", which had not been contemplated at the time of the URS policy's creation. The solution is rather obvious, once one observes the failure of the policy in that edge case.