**Final Proposed Draft v. 4.0 of the IDN Guidelines**

LOS ANGELES – 10 May 2018 – The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (lCANN) today announced the release of the Final Proposed Draft version 4.0 of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines. This draft is currently pending ratification from the ICANN Board.

The IDN Implementation Guidelines relate to the IDN registration policies and practices, designed to minimize the risk of cybersquatting and consumer confusion. Following the [Call for Community Experts](https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2015-07-20-en), the IDN Guidelines Working Group (IDNGWG) was formed in October 2015 to review the current version ([3.0](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/idn-guidelines-2011-09-02-en)) of the [IDN Implementation Guidelines](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/implementation-guidelines-2012-02-25-en), last updated in 2011.

While developing these Guidelines, the IDNGWG has interacted with the community to gather public feedback, as per the following details:

1. [Initial issues list](https://community.icann.org/display/IDN/IDN%2BImplementation%2BGuidelines?preview=/56144699/58737029/IDN%202nd%20Level%20Items%200.3.pdf) presented at [ICANN55](https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech55/schedule/wed-idn-implementation-guideline)
2. [Interim draft](https://community.icann.org/display/IDN/IDN%2BImplementation%2BGuidelines?preview=/56144699/63146672/IDN%20Guidelines%204.0%2020161102.pdf) presented at [ICANN57](https://icann572016.sched.com/event/8cwK/internationalized-domain-name-implementation-guidelines-working-group-meeting)
3. [Complete draft](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/draft-idn-guidelines-03mar17-en.pdf) for [Public Comment](https://www.icann.org/public-comments/idn-guidelines-2017-03-03-en) released in March 2017
4. Complete draft for Public Comment presented at [ICANN58](https://icann58copenhagen2017.sched.com/event/9nmh/icann-gdd-idn-implementation-guidelines-wg-update)
5. [Final draft](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/draft-final-idn-guidelines-18oct17-en.pdf) for [Second Public Comment](https://www.icann.org/public-comments/idn-guidelines-2017-10-19-en) released in December 2017
6. Final draft for Second Public Comment presented at [ICANN60](https://icann60abudhabi2017.sched.com/event/CbES/icann-gdd-idn-implementation-guidelines-wg-update)

The IDNGWG has incorporated the feedback received from the community to finalize the Guidelines. Further details of the IDNGWG’s work are available at the [wiki page](https://community.icann.org/display/IDN/IDN%2BImplementation%2BGuidelines). The Final Proposed Draft v. 4.0 of the IDN Guidelines will be presented to the ICANN Board of Directors for approval.

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