

March 31, 2015

Krista Papac gTLD Registry Services Director ICANN 12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300 Los Angeles, CA 90094

Re: Amendment to the .coop TLD Registrar Accreditation Agreement

Dear Ms. Papac,

dotCoop, LLC is submitting the attached amendment to the .coop TLD Registrar Accreditation Agreement consistent with Article VII, section 7.1 of the (.coop) Sponsored TLD Agreement regarding the Sponsor-Registrar Agreement: "Such Sponsor-Registrar Agreement may be revised by Sponsor from time to time, provided however, that any such revisions must be approved in advance by ICANN. Such approval will be provided in a timely manner and shall not be unreasonably withheld"

The sole purpose of the proposed amendment is to reflect the imminent migration of the .coop registry operation services from the Midcounties Cooperative Domains Ltd. to CentralNic Ltd.

More specifically, the proposed edits are as follows:

- 1. Sections 1.2 and 1.3 are introducing CentralNic as the new registry operator for the .coop TLD.
- 2. Sections 1.15 and 1.16: replacing the Midcounties Cooperative Domains Limited with CentralNic as the .coop registry operator.
- 3. Section 1.18 addition of the definition for 'Registry Policies'.
- 4. Deletion of section 1.16 referring to 'Supporting Sponsor' as this term is no longer used.
- 5. Insertion of sections 2.5, 2.7.3 and 2.7.4 regarding notice periods for any system changes, zone file access and changes in registration fees.
- 6. Section 3.1 is outlining the obligation of .coop registrars to maintain a separate agreement with CentralNic.
- 7. Insertion of section 3.6 regarding Whois data complaints process.
- 8. Sections 3.9, 3.12.1, 3.12.5, 3.12.7 and 4.3 are adding the requirement for the Sponsor to give a 30-day notice to registrars regarding policies for public access to data, the adoption of a code of conduct for registrars, the time



- allowed for compliance with updated policies or specifications and any changes to the contract between Sponsor and registrants respectively.
- 9. Insertion of section 3.12.3 concerning the obligation of Registrars to protect Registrant data.
- 10. Insertion of section 3.14.1 defining the time of a domain name registration, as recorded in the Registry database.
- 11. Section 3.11.3 has been deleted since the billing of Registrars will be managed by CentralNic.
- 12. In section 3.11.4 the timeline for the collection of the Sponsor Variable Fee has been increased from ten to thirty days.
- 13. Sections 3.18 and 3.19 have been inserted to describe the obligations of registrars concerning their resellers, as regards to .coop registrations.
- 14. In Appendix A:
  - a. In section A1 an insertion has been made detailing the system for providing rebates to registrars, where applicable.
  - b. Section A3 has been deleted since the Registrars will no longer be required to maintain a balance with dotCoop. Instead, CentralNic will be managing the billing of .coop registrars.

dotCoop LLC is currently conducting a consultation with its existing registrars and we will be notifying ICANN once we have received support for the proposed amendment, in order to expedite the review and approval process by ICANN.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Pat Sterner **dotCoop**, **LLC** 

Attachment