

# **DISPUTE POLICY**

**VERSION 1.0**

## 1. Dispute Policies

- 1.1. The Registry adopts the following required ICANN policies for applicable disputes:
  - Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedures (PDDRP)
  - Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)
  - Uniform Rapid Suspension System (URS)
- 1.2. Registrants shall be subject to the above policies and undergo dispute resolution accordingly. Registrants may elect court proceedings directly without going through dispute resolution. Any court proceedings may result in cancellation of any relevant dispute resolution process that has been previously initiated.

## 2. Dispute Handling

- 2.1. Any individual or company may file PDDRP or RRDRP against The Registry.
- 2.2. It is also possible to file UDRP or URS against the domain Registrant.
- 2.3. The Trademark PDDRP generally addresses a Registry Operator's complicity in trademark infringement on the first or second level of a New gTLD. Under PDDRP, any individuals or companies have the right to file a complaint regarding the conduct of The Registry. All such dispute resolution procedures will be handled by accredited providers external to ICANN and require that complainants take specific steps to address their issues before filing a formal complaint. An Expert Panel will determine whether a Registry Operator is at fault and recommend appropriate remedies to ICANN. The Registry shall correct the fault based upon ICANN's instructions to it.
- 2.4. The Uniform Rapid Suspension System is a rights protection mechanism that supplements the existing Uniform Domain-Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) by offering a lower-cost, faster path to relief for rights holders experiencing the most clear-cut cases of infringement. The Registry shall implement the required procedure and technical specification as per described in <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs>. Upon completion of URS, The Registry will suspend the domain if required to do so based upon the result of the URS proceedings.
- 2.5. The Registry shall implement UDRP through its registrars. All registrars must follow the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP). Under the policy, most types of trademark-based domain-name disputes must be resolved by agreement, court action, or dispute resolution before a registrar will cancel, suspend, or transfer a domain name. Disputes alleged to arise from abusive or infringing (cybersquatting) registrations of domain names may be addressed by expedited dispute resolution proceedings that the

holder of trademark rights initiates by filing a complaint with an ICANN-accredited dispute resolution service provider.

To invoke the policy, a trademark owner should either (a) file a complaint in a court of proper jurisdiction against the domain registrant (or, where appropriate, an in-rem action against the domain) or (b) in cases of abusive registration submit a complaint to an ICANN-accredited dispute resolution service provider. (For further information see <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/udrp-2012-02-25-en>)