.XIN REGISTRATION POLICY

1.0  Title: Registration Policy
     Version Control: 1.0
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2.0  Summary

This policy sets forth the criteria which all domain names must meet in order to be registered in .XIN (hereinafter TLD). Specifically, this policy addresses registrant eligibility (who can register), name selection (different domain name classifications permitted to be registered) and name allocation (how different classes of domain names can be allocated). Failure to comply with this Policy is a basis for a domain name registration to be denied, suspended, transferred and/or cancelled.

3.0  Definitions

3.1  Applicant: Either a Chinese natural person or a business licensed to conduct business in China that requests registration of a domain name in the TLD.

3.2  Registrar: An entity accredited by ICANN and authorized by the Registry Operator to distribute domain names in the TLD.

3.3  Registry Operator: Elegant Leader

3.4  Registry Agreement: The agreement between Registry Operator and ICANN for the TLD.

3.5  Policy: Registration Policy.

3.6  TLD: .XIN

3.7  Verification Provider: Third parties that will be providing data to the Registry Operator as part of the registration process.
4.0 Registrant Eligibility:

4.1 Registration Criteria

In order to register a domain name in the TLD, the Registrant must be a Chinese national or a licensed business in China capable of providing an identification ID that can be validated against an authoritative data source.

4.2 Compliance with all Registry Policies

In order to maintain registration and use of a domain name within the TLD, Registrant must comply with all applicable Registry Policies.

5.0 Name Selection

Registrant is prohibited from registering a domain name that knowingly misappropriates the name or mark of another individual or business.

6.0 Name Allocation Mechanisms

Registry Operator has initially identified the following domain name allocation mechanisms: First-Come, First Served; Auction; Request for Proposal; and Registry Operator Designated. While the default allocation mechanism in connection with most domain name registrations will be first-come, first served, Registry Operator may, at its sole discretion, determine the most prudent means to allocate any domain name in the TLD.

6.1 First-Come, First-Served (FCFS):

The domain name is awarded to the first eligible Applicant (i.e., one who has filed a request for registration) for that domain name provided their request has been made through a Registrar and the Applicant and domain name comply with Registry Operator’s Registration Policy. The mere acceptance of any registration fees does not in itself constitute a domain name registration. A domain name is only registered upon approval of Registry Operator of any request for registration.

6.2 Auction:

Multiple requests to register an available domain name may be resolved through an Auction. Registry Operator will conduct auctions in accordance with their rules and policies that will be available on/via Registry Operator’s website.

6.3 Request for Proposal (RFP):
Registry Operator will accept proposals from Applicants for an available domain name. Registry Operator reserves the right to impose a reasonable cost-recovery fee on any Applicant that chooses to participate in any RFP. Registry Operator is not bound to select a winner among RFP respondents, and can hold the domain name for future allocation. The rules and procedures for any RFP will be posted on Registry Operator’s website.

6.4 Registry Operator Designated:

Registry Operator is permitted under the Registry Agreement to activate a limited number of names (plus their IDN variants, where applicable) necessary for the operation or the promotion of TLD.

7.0 Denial/Suspension/Transfer/Cancellation

Registry Operator reserves the right in its sole discretion to deny, suspend, transfer and/or cancel at any time a domain name registration or request for registration found to be in violation of this Policy, and other registry policy, and/or any applicable law, rule or regulation.

8.0 Amendment

Registry Operator reserves the right to modify this Policy at its sole discretion in accordance with its rights and obligations set forth in its Registry Agreement. Such revised Policy shall be posted on Registry Operator’s website <www.nic.xin/_d277039558.htm> at least 15 calendar days before its effective date. In the event that a Registrant objects to any change in this Policy, the sole remedy is cancellation of the Registrant’s domain name registration.