



.CORSICA LAUNCH POLICY

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DEFINITIONS

In this Registration Policy:

- a. **“Accredited Registrar”** means an ICANN accredited registrar that has entered into an agreement (“the Registry-Registrar Agreement”) with the Registry Operator and is authorized to register names in the .corsica TLD.
- b. **“General Availability”** means the general registration period commencing after the launch phases during which available .corsica domain names will be generally made available to all registrants that are qualified to register domain names on a first-come, first-served basis, under the process described in the corsica general Registration Policy.
- c. **“.corsica general Registration Policy”** and/or **“Registration Policy”** means the policy available at the Registry Operator’s website and hereby incorporated by reference, which governs the registration of .corsica domain names.
- d. **“ICANN”** means the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.
- e. **“Premium Name”** means a .corsica domain name listed in the Premium Name List that may be made available for registration at a premium fee or initially reserved by the Registry Operator to be auctioned or sold at a later date.
- f. **“Public Authorities”** means International, national, regional, local and municipal authorities and other governmental departments; as well as other public institutions or appropriate entities under Corsican and/or Franch law (like agencies, consortiums, commissions, and other administrative divisions) with competence in Corsica
- g. **“Registrant”, “You”** and **“Your”** refers to the individual or entity, which applies or wishes to register a .corsicaz domain name with an Accredited Registrar.
- h. **“Registry Operator”, “We”, “Us”** and **“Our”** refers to la Collectivité territoriale de Corse, as entity responsible for operating the .corsica TLD, regardless of whether acting directly or through an authorized agent
- i. **“Reserved Name”** means a .corsica domain name listed in the Reserved Name List that is withheld from registration.
- j. **“TLD”** means Top-Level Domain.

INTRODUCTION

This Registration Policy sets forth the terms and conditions which govern .corsica domain name registrations during the launch period.

By applying to register .corsica domain name during the launch period, You agree to be legally bound by:

- This Launch Policy, as well as the .corsica general Registration Policy and hereby incorporated by reference;
- The Registration Agreement provided by the sponsoring Accredited Registrar through which You applied for Your .corsica domain name; and
- Any other policies mandated by ICANN from time to time.
- The TMCH policies

You hereby represent and warrant to Us that the statements that You made in Your Registration Agreement with the Accredited Registrar sponsoring Your .corsica domain name are complete and accurate.

It is Your sole responsibility to determine whether Your .corsica domain name registration and use complies with this Registration Policy.

This document is intended to present the launch of the TLD .corsica Policy whose registry is the Territorial Community of Corsica (France).

This policy is designed to facilitate the orderly and equitable introduction of the top level domain .corsica while giving priority to some rights holders. This Launch Policy reduce the risk of abusive registrations and those made in bad faith in order to protect certain names and certain brands and avoid using your domain (cybersquatting).

This Launch Policy describes:

- The rules for submitting an application during the Launch Phase,
- The manner in which applications will be processed, validated and awarded by the Registry and / or its suppliers.

This policy applies to:

- Any organisation or person who submit an application for registration of a domain name
- Registrars

The .corsica Launch Program is done in 5 successive stages. The implementing rules and features are detailed in this document. Every domain name applicant must strictly comply to them.

By the request of the registration of a domain name in .corsica, whatever the application phase, applicants agree to be legally bound to each of the following conditions:

- the conditions set out in this Launch Policy for each category;
- to the terms detailed in the .corsica Registration Policy incorporated by reference and in particular the eligibility conditions and domain names use conditions;
- Registration Contract to be proposed by the Accredited Registrar by which you will place your domain name registration applications;
- all policies imposed by ICANN whatever their period of publication;
- the rules of TMCH for trademark holders.

You also warrant the .corsica Registry that the application for registration of the domain name that you have placed via the Registrar is complete and the information including the coordinates provided are current and valid.

In case of conflicting information between registry policy (including this Launch Policy) and those from other policies or agreement (Registrar Registrant), the terms of this document prevail and impose themselves to all parties.

This launch Policy may be changed at any time particularly to comply with the laws and policies of ICANN.

In addition, the .corsica Registry reserves the right in its sole discretion to extend the duration of some or all launch phases detailed below.

Any Revised policy will be effective upon publication on the .corsica Registry website.

1. General overview of the Launch phases

Dates and priorities

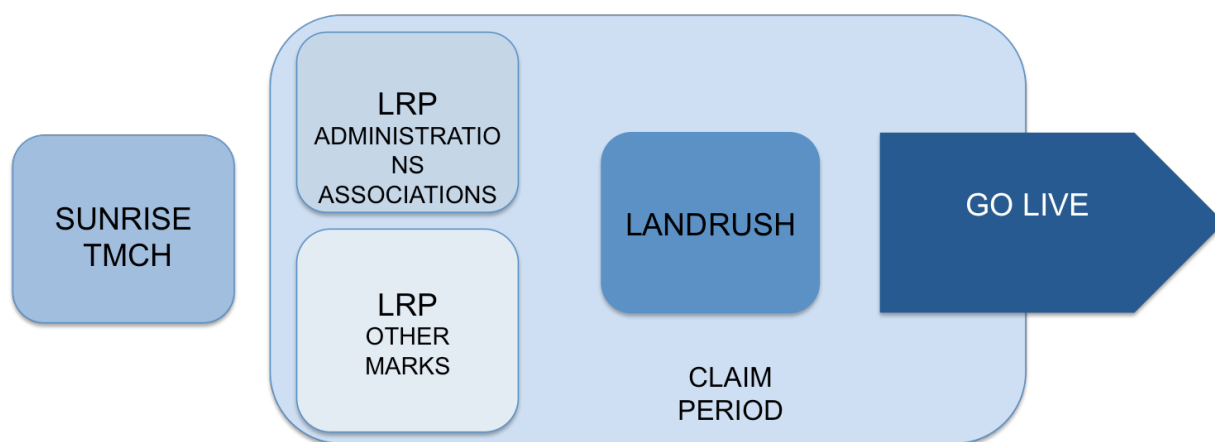
The launch program will start and end according to the schedule below:

Start: 03 august 2015 at 13h00 UTC

End: 19 January 2016 at 13h00 UTC

The launch program will include several concomitant and successive phases. Each phase is described below.

The overview diagram below illustrates the 5 phases of the Launch Program.



SUMMARY OF LAUNCH PHASES

Priority	Phase	Period	Public	Allocation date	Registration time	Proofs
1	Sunrise TMCH trademarks (end date)	from 03/08/2015 13 :00 UTC to 06/10/2015 13 :00 UTC 61 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks registered in TMCH 	07/10/2015 at 13 :00 UTC	2 y min 10 y max	SMD file
2	LRP public administrations	from 08/10/2015 13 :00 UTC to 25/11/2015 13 :00 UTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public administrations Associations 	27/11/2015 at 13 :00 UTC	2 y min 10 y max	INSEE doc INSEE doc, extract from the register TI
3	LRP other marks	from 08/10/2015 13 :00 UTC to 25/11/2015 13 :00 UTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marks valid in France Geographical Indications and Appellations of Origin company names 	27/11/2015 at 13 :00 UTC	2 y min 10 y max	INPI or OHMI or OMP document
4	Landrush	from 30/11/2015 13 :00 UTC to 15/01/2016 13 :00 UTC	all Most requested generic terms Auction if multiple requests	18/01/2016 at 13 :00 UTC	2 y min 10 y max	
5	GO LIVE	from 19/01/2016 13 :00 UTC	Tous	Immédiatement	1 y min 10 y max	

Allocation

The main criteria for allocating a domain name will be priority. Thus, all requests made during a phase 1 priority (the TMCH) will be allocated before any other type of request made in phases Priority 2, 3 and 4 even if the periods during which the applications were made are the same.

The dispute resolution procedures in case of multiple applications with the same priority level for the same domain name are detailed below for each phase.

Allocation date

Allocations of domain names will be done for each phase at the the dates specified in the table above.

Duration

The domain name registration for each phase is detailed in the table above.

Requirements

When ordering on the Registrar's website, the Registrant applicant will position its application in one of the five phases of the launch program and position in one of the categories of each of these phases. Given the consequences in terms of processing priority, this positioning should be performed in exact correspondence with demand.

After confirmation of the order and / validation of the Registration Agreement, the Registrant will receive an email from the Registrar requesting him to download his credentials from the client management interface of the Registrar.

All detailed documentation will be subject to review and verification by the Registrar and / or the Registry.

If the information provided by the Registrant applicant upon registration are incomplete and do not allow for an examination, the Registrant will be informed by the Registrar. The Registrant applicant will have 5 days to correct / amend / supplement his claim to meet the requirements of this Policy. Otherwise the request will be queued and possibly deleted.

Qualified Launch Programme – (QLP)

A maximum of 100 domain names may be awarded by the Registry under this Launch program before the end of the Sunrise period. The allocation of these domain names will comply with Registry policies.

2 Priority 1 Category : End-Date TMCH

Overview of the Sunrise period

The Sunrise Period is a priority registration phase reserved for beneficiaries who meet certain criteria in which they can record their name or brand by providing proof. This period starts on Launch Program.

To fulfill the obligations of ICANN, the Sunrise Period will be limited to rights holders.

This period will be effective as of the date indicated in the roadmap presented earlier in this document.

Eligibility

Brands holders, corporate and individual, eligible for registration of a domain name during the Sunrise period .corsica are:

- trademarks listed in the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) <http://www.trademark-clearinghouse.com/fr>

Precedence

All registration made during the Sunrise period will take precedence over those made at post launch phases (registration period limited to government and associations, Landrush and other brands).

Supporting documents and certificates required

- File SMD. Trademark owners that have registered their mark in the TMCH database (Trademark Clearinghouse) must fulfill the required obligations (<http://www.trademark-clearinghouse.com/fr>) and obtained a SMD file (Signed Mark Label) .

This SMD file must be sent to the Registrar who will verify the correspondence between the data of the SMD file and the name of the domain name that is requested.

- Applications that are not sent with a valid SMD file or the data contained in the SMD file does not correspond to the requested domain name will be rejected.

Dispute resolution and multiple applications

- In case of disputes regarding domain name requests made during the Sunrise phase, and in case of multiple requests that meet all the above criteria for the same domain name, if mediation conducted by the Register has have led, the dispute will be solved by auctioning the domain name in question, according to the rules set by the registry. No other dispute resolution solution will be possible.
- Any dispute relating to the validation of your brand with TMCH must be submitted pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure adopted by TMCH:
<http://www.trademark-clearinghouse.com/dispute>
- Any dispute concerning the allocation of a domain name in .corsica Sunrise period must be submitted under the Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy (SDRP) adopted by the .corsica Registry, to which the Registrant agrees to submit without reserve (available on the Registry website).

3 Priority 2 Category LRP Public Authorities and associations –

Eligibility

This period is open to :

- the Public Administrations: communes, communities of communes, community of cities, french EPCI, international, national, regional, local and municipal and government services; public bodies or entities under French law (agencies, consortia, commissions and other administrative services) of the Region Corsica, or competent in the territory;
- the 1901 Law Associations established in Corsica (departments 2A and 2B).

The applicant of a Public Administration or Association may register as Domain Name:

- The official name / administrative organization,
- The use name of the organization,
- The names of public services or products,
- The names of brands under control,
- The name of the events it produces or brokers,
- The name of a program it administers,
- Corsicans Geographical names (county, townships, neighborhoods, streets, notable places, etc.)
- The names of monuments, symbols,
- The variants, variations and abbreviations recognized previously mentioned names.

The following nomenclature should be respected:

- For common names: nom.corsica
- For communities of municipalities: cc-name.corsica
- For communities of « agglomeration »: aggro-name.corsica

This period will be effective as of the date indicated in the roadmap presented earlier in this document.

Requests for names registered by la Collectivité Territoriale de Corse will have priority over those submitted by other Public Authorities.

Precedence

All registration made during this LRP period for public Authorities and Association shall take precedence over those made at post launch phases (registration period limited to other brands and Landrush).

If a domain name corresponding to this request category Public Authorities and associations by an applicant who fulfilled all the criteria detailed in the category of TMCH brands and have a valid SMD file , the naming concerned will be made at TMCH applicant.

Supporting documents and certificates required

For public administrations:

- Copy of the document or INSEE
- Copy of the Official Journal of the French Republic
- Official letter of public administration signed by the authorized authority (Mayor, President, etc.)

For Associations are:

- • A copy of the publication in the Official Journal of the French Republic

Dispute resolution and multiple applications

In case of disputes regarding domain name requests made during the Sunrise phase, and in case of multiple requests that meet all the above criteria for the same domain name, if mediation conducted by the Register has have led, the dispute will be solved by auctioning the domain name in question, according to the rules set by the registry. No other dispute resolution solution will be possible.

4 Priority 3 Category LRP: other trademarks, geographical indications, corporations name

Eligibility

Are eligible for registration of a domain name in .corsica all other brands which are not listed on the TMCH.

Are concerned:

- the marks in force in France:
 - French registered trademarks with the INPI,
 - the EU Community Trade Marks filed with the OHIM
 - international brands WIPO in force in France and designating it;
- geographical indications and designations of origin subject to a protection and recognized by international treaties, international regulations and / or French law;
- company name, trade name, brand, company logo, for organizations located in the 2 Corsican departments (2A Corse du Sud, 2B Haute Corse).

These applications will be accepted and will be processed simultaneously on the basis of date and time of arrival and with no order of priority.

This period will be effective as of the date indicated in the roadmap presented earlier in this document.

Precedence

All registration made during this LRP period for public Authorities and Association shall take precedence over those made at post launch phases (Landrush).

Supporting documents and certificates required

- Supporting documents accepted for other trademarks, geographical indications, trade name are:
 - Existing Brands in France - Concerns the French brands, Community or international in force in France :
 - copy of the trademark registration certificate.

- Geographical Indications or appellations of origin :
 - a copy of a legal act, decree or decision of a competent official authority granting protection to a specific name as a geographical indication or a designation of origin.

- Name of companies : Concerns any organization
 - a copy of the company registration certificate: Kbis or INSEE situation notice.

Dispute resolution and multiple applications

In case of disputes regarding domain name requests made during the Sunrise phase, and in case of multiple requests that meet all the above criteria for the same domain name, if mediation conducted by the Register has have led, the dispute will be solved by auctioning the domain name in question, according to the rules set by the registry. No other dispute resolution solution will be possible.

5 Priority 4 : Landrush

Eligibility

This landrush period is open to all eligible applicants and that could not get into a previous periods of priority registration.

This period will be effective as of the date indicated in the roadmap presented earlier in this document.

All domain names still available for registration (and not on the lists of reserved names) can be registered by the applicant.

The applicant must, however, ensure that it meets the criteria detailed in the Registration Policy.

Precedence

All registration made during this LRP period for public Authorities and Association shall take precedence over those made at post launch phases (General Availability).

Supporting documents and certificates required

No proof or certificates will be required of the applicant prior to the domain name registration. The applicant should, however, ensure that it meets the criteria detailed in the Registration Policy.

Dispute resolution and multiple applications

In case of disputes regarding domain name requests made during the Sunrise phase, and in case of multiple requests that meet all the above criteria for the same domain name, if mediation conducted by the Register has have led, the dispute will be solved by auctioning the domain name in question, according to the rules set by the registry. No other dispute resolution solution will be possible.

6 General Availability

This period end priority registration periods detailed above.

This period will be effective as of the date indicated in the roadmap presented earlier in this document.

Eligibility

From the opening date of the General Availability, any applicant who meets the criteria detailed in the Registration Policy may register a domain name still available for registration:

- A name that is not on the lists of reserved or blocked names
- A name that is not subject to an auction or a dispute procedure

Supporting documents and certificates required

No proof or certificates will be required of the applicant prior to the domain name registration. The applicant should, however, ensure that it meets the criteria detailed in the Registration Policy.

7 Trademark Claims Services)

Principle

The vocation of claims services is:

- To notify individuals (third party) wishing to register a domain name in the extension .corsica the existence of a prior right matching and scope of such a right.
- To inform trademark owners to register a domain name by a third party in breach of these intellectual property rights.

Under the rules of ICANN during the periods mentioned below a period of "Trademark Claim Notice" will run.

During this period if the domain name you ask for registration is the same as a trademark and validated to TMCH (as generated labels), you'll receive an alert ("Trademark Claim Notice") in real time on the interface of Your Registrar informing you that a third party has rights to the term that you ask.

You will then, knowingly, confirm or cancel your registration application. It is stipulated that without confirmation, your request will not be sent to the Registry .corsica.

If you confirm your request, third party owners of an identical mark are notified of your registration and it will be up to their possibly take appropriate action.

Claim Period

In accordance with the diagram shown in Item 1, claim period for trademark owners is established during:

- the period of LRP Limited Registration and Administration Association
- the period of registration Limited LRP Other Brands
- the Landrush
- And for 90 days after the General Opening phase.

8 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Registration Policy is governed by French law.

All disputes arising from the interpretation of this policy or its enforcement will be decided by the competent courts of jurisdiction of the Courts of Bastia.

9 Language

This Policy has been drafted in French, in Corsican language and in English.
Only the French language version shall prevail and will be binding between the parties.