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# Zone File Access Policy for the TLD .cologne

### I. Purpose of this document

The purpose of this policy is to describe NetCologne's processes for granting access to the zone file data and the responsibilities for internet users (hereafter referred to as a user or users) who wish to access zone file data for the TLD .cologne.

ICANN requires that NetCologne complies with the requirements for zone file access. Details about ICANN's requirements for zone file access can be found on the ICANN website at the following link: <u>http://www.icann.org/en/resources/compliance/registries/zfa</u>

#### II. Submitting a request for zone file access

All requests to access the zone file for the TLD must be submitted through ICANN's Centralized Zone Data Service found at the following link <u>https://czds.icann.org</u>.

#### III. Credentialing requirements and agreement

Access to zone file data for the TLD may be available to users subject to verification of a user's credentials and agreement by the user that the data will only be used for lawful purposes. In order to grant access to the zone file for the TLD, we will request through the Centralized Zone Data Service, that each user provides the reason for which they seek access and information sufficient to correctly identify and locate the user.

A user will be required to enter into an agreement that will govern the access to our zone file data and its use. The agreement will be standardized, facilitated and administered by the Centralized Zone Data Access Provider. A user's access to the zone file data is always subject to the requirements of ICANN.

## IV. Grant and revocation of access

ICANN may reject the request for access to the Centralized Zone Data Service of any user that does not satisfy the credentialing requirements. In addition we may reject the request for access:

- Of any user that does not provide correct or legitimate credentials; or
- Where we reasonably believe that the user will use the data in a manner that contravenes this policy.



Where approved, the user will be granted a non-exclusive, non-transferable, limited right to access our zone file data. For this purpose, the SRS prepares a .cologne zone data file compliant with the specified File Format Standard, which is made available at the ICANN-specified and managed URL (i.e. ftp://cologne.zda.icann.org). Through facilitation of the CZDA provider, users presenting sufficient credentials will be granted access to this data. Full cooperation and assistance will be provided to ICANN and the CZDA provider in this context.

In addition, bulk access to the zone files for .cologne will also be provided to ICANN or its designee, as well as to the Emergency Operators on a continuous basis.

NetCologne may, at any time, revoke access of any user where we have evidence to support that the user's use of the data contravenes this policy or any other policy issued by us, or where we are instructed to do so by ICANN.

#### V. Definition and review

This document has been prepared and published to represent NetCologne's policy regarding the administrative and technical management of the TLD .cologne.

NetCologne may discontinue or amend any part or the whole of this policy from time to time at its absolute discretion.