

**CHARLESTON ROAD REGISTRY INC.
LAUNCH APPLICATION**

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN")
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Attention: New gTLD Program Staff

RE: Launch Application Request

Charleston Road Registry Inc. d/b/a Google Registry ("Google Registry") may allocate or register up to 100 domain names in .here prior to or during the Sunrise Period (the "Launch Program") in compliance with Specification 5, Section 3.2, of the .here Registry Agreement and the Trademark Clearinghouse Rights Protection Mechanism Requirements (the "TMCH Requirements").

Phase	Timeframe	Description
Launch Period	July 14, 2026 - November 9, 2026 at 16:00 UTC	A period during which up to 100 .here SLDs may be registered to promote the TLD. Continues during the Sunrise Notice and Sunrise Period. <i>Operated in accordance with TMCH Requirements Section 4.5.1.</i>
Sunrise Notice	July 28, 2026 (30+ days)	A period of at least 30 days during which trademark owners are notified of the .here Sunrise Dates and policies to prepare registrations.
Sunrise Period	September 1, 2026 - November 9, 2026 at 16:00 UTC (30+ days)	A period of at least 30 days during which trademark owners may register eligible SLDs in .here on a first come, first served basis.
Early Access Period (first pricing phase of General Availability)	November 10, 2026 - November 17, 2026 at 16:00 UTC	A period during which all registrants can register .here domain names on a first come, first served basis provided that they pay a variable early access registration fee.
General Availability	November 17, 2026 at 16:00 UTC	The standard registration period.

Intellectual property considerations: The Launch Program will work hand-in-hand with the TMCH Requirements to ensure the protection of brand owners and to prevent consumer confusion. Further, Google Registry has also adopted several voluntary supplemental measures for the protection of intellectual property rights, including a permanent Claims Service which will incorporate the “enhanced” claims mechanism, permitting brand owners to continually monitor up to 50 previously abused trademark variants per TMCH entry. Any names registered under Google Registry’s launch program will be subject to this Claims Service.

Launch program SLDs will be internally reviewed to ensure that they promote the goals of the launch program, meet the requirements set forth in the .here registration policy, and mitigate the possibility that consumers will be confused as to the source or function of a launch program domain.

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