

27 March 2019

RE: Extension of the current implementation deadlines for the Thick WHOIS Consensus Policy

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Dear Mr. Kane,

Thank you for your [22 February 2019 letter](#) requesting an extension to the current implementation deadlines for the Thick WHOIS Consensus Policy for .com and .net.

The ICANN Board reviewed this matter and on 14 March 2019 passed a [resolution](#) to extend the implementation dates of the [Thick WHOIS Transition Policy](#) for an additional 180 days. This will allow the ICANN community and the Board time to consider the [Final Report](#) from the [Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#). It will also provide the affected contracted parties and ICANN org additional time to assess the recommendations from the Expedited Policy Development Process (“EPDP”) Team and any potential impacts to the Thick WHOIS Transition Policy or implementation plan.

Following the ICANN Board resolution, the new implementation dates are as follows:

- By 30 November 2019: The registry operator must begin accepting Thick WHOIS data from registrars for existing registrations in .com and .net.
- By 31 May 2020: All registrars must send Thick WHOIS data to the registry operator for all new registrations in .com and .net.
- By 30 November 2020: All registrars are required to complete the transition to Thick WHOIS data for all registrations in .com and .net.

ICANN org will continue to communicate updates as to the progress of the EPDP recommendations and the potential impacts to the Thick WHOIS Transition Policy.

Sincerely,



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