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Request Details
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This service request should be used to submit a Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request. An RSEP is required to add, modify or remove Registry Services for a TLD. More information about the process is available at https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rsep-2014-02-19-en

Complete the information requested below. All answers marked with a red asterisk are required. Click the Save button to save your work and click the Submit button to submit to ICANN.

PROPOSED SERVICE

1. Name of Proposed Service

Removal of IDN Languages for .OOO

2. Technical description of Proposed Service. If additional information needs to be considered, attach one PDF file

Infibeam Incorporation Limited ("infibeam") the Registry Operator for the .OOO TLD, intends to change its Registry Service Provider for the .OOO TLD to CentralNic Limited. Accordingly, Infibeam seeks to remove the following IDN languages from Exhibit A of the .OOO New gTLD Registry Agreement:
- Armenian script
- Avestan script
- Azerbaijani language

- Balinese script
- Bamum script
- Batak script
- Belarusian language
- Bengali script
- Bopomofo script
- Brahmi script
- Buginese script
- Buhid script
- Bulgarian language
- Canadian Aboriginal script
- Carian script
- Cham script
- Cherokee script
- Coptic script
- Croatian language
- Cuneiform script
- Devanagari script
- Egyptian Hieroglyphs script
- Ethiopic script
- Georgian script
- Glagolitic script
- Greek, Modern language
- Gujarati script
- Gurmukhi script
- Han script
- Hangul script
- Hanunoo script
- Hiragana script
- Imperial Aramaic script
- Inscriptional Pahlavi script
- Inscriptional Parthian script
- Javanese script
- Kaithi script
- Kannada script
- Katakana script
- Kayah Li script
- Kharoshthi script
- Khmer script
- Kurdish language
- Lepcha script
- Limbu script
- Lisu script
- Lycian script
- Lydian script
- Macedonian language

- Malayalam script
- Mandaic script
- Meitei Mayek script
- Moldavian language
- Mongolian script
- New Tai Lue script
- Nko script
- Ogham script
- Ol Chiki script
- Old Persian script
- Old South Arabian script
- Old Turkic script
- Oriya script
- Phags Pa script
- Rejang script
- Runic script
- Samaritan script
- Saurashtra script
- Serbian language
- Sinhala script
- Sundanese script
- Syloti Nagri script
- Syriac script
- Tagalog script
- Tagbanwa script
- Tai Le script
- Tai Tham script
- Tai Viet script
- Tamil script
- Telugu script
- Thaana script
- Tibetan script
- Tifinagh script
- Ukrainian language
- Vai script
- Yi script

Removing these 85 IDN languages/scripts will have no impact on registrants or registrars because all the remaining 17 IDNS will support all implemented second level IDN TLDs, and Infibeam will maintain the ability to offer registration of IDNs in 17 IDN languages/scripts listed below:

- Arabic
- Chinese   (Excludes Chinese IDN Variants which will not be fully supported)
- Cyrillic
- French
- Greek
- Hebrew

- Japanese
- Korean
- Lao
- Latin
- Myanmar
- Polish
- Phoenician
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Thai

Infibeam may introduce such IDNS in future which may include some of the IDNs removed subject to a future RSEP request.

CONSULTATION

3. Please describe with specificity your consultations with the community, experts and or others. What were the quantity, nature and content of the consultations?

Infibeam consulted with CentralNic Limited and examined the current zone file.

3a. If the registry is a sponsored TLD, what were the nature and content of these consultations with the sponsored TLD community?

Not applicable.

3b. Were consultations with gTLD registrars or the registrar constituency appropriate? Which registrars were consulted? What were the nature and content of the consultation?

Not applicable.

3c. Were consultations with other constituency groups appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

Not applicable. Removing these IDN languages will have no impact on registrants and registrars because .OOO will continue to support all second level existing domain names and will continue to provide IDN second level domains in 17 languages and scripts after migration to the new registry back end provider

3d. Were consultations with end users appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

No current registrants with IDNs will be affected by the reduction in IDN table offerings. Infibeam will maintain the ability to offer registrations of IDNs in 17 IDN languages/script.
All existing domain names will be supported.

3e. Who would endorse the introduction of this service? What were the nature and content of these consultations?

Not applicable.

3f. Who would object the introduction of this service? What were (or would be) the nature and content of these consultations?

Infibeam is not aware of any specific objections. Our IDN offering, which will still cover 17 IDN languages, remains fully compliant with applicable ICANN requirements and guidelines.

TIMELINE

4. Please describe the timeline for implementation of the proposed new registry service.

As soon as ICANN has approved this service. All registrations will continue to be supported at the time of this amendment and in future.

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

5. Describe how the Proposed Service will be offered.

IDNs will be offered for registration through registrars accredited for the .OOO TLD.

6. Describe quality assurance plan or testing of Proposed Service.

The remaining IDN languages have been previously approved by ICANN and tested in PDT. The Registry operator expects to pass PDT for the migration if the amendments proposed are accepted.

7. Please list any relevant RFCs or White Papers on the proposed service and explain how those papers are relevant.

None.

CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

8. List the relevant contractual provisions impacted by the Proposed Service.

Exhibit A, Section 5 will require amendment to remove the 85 IDN languages/scripts above.

9. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the reporting of data to ICANN.

None.

10. What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the Whois?

None.

11. What effect, if any, will the proposed service have on the price of a domain name registration?

None.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

12. Please describe or provide the necessary contractual amendments for the proposed service

The following languages/scripts should be removed from Section 5 of Exhibit A:
5.3.2.   Armenian script
5.3.3.   Avestan script
5.3.4.   Azerbaijani language
5.3.5.   Balinese script
5.3.6.   Bamum script
5.3.7.   Batak script

5.3.8.   Belarusian language
5.3.9.   Bengali script
5.3.10. Bopomofo script
5.3.11. Brahmi script
5.3.12. Buginese script
5.3.13. Buhid script
5.3.14. Bulgarian language
5.3.15. Canadian Aboriginal script
5.3.16. Carian script
5.3.17. Cham script
5.3.18. Cherokee script
5.3.20. Coptic script
5.3.21. Croatian language
5.3.22. Cuneiform script
5.3.24. Devanagari script
5.3.25. Egyptian Hieroglyphs script
5.3.26. Ethiopic script
5.3.28. Georgian script
5.3.29. Glagolitic script
5.3.31. Greek, Modern language
5.3.32. Gujarati script
5.3.33. Gurmukhi script
5.3.34. Han script
5.3.35. Hangul script
5.3.36. Hanunoo script
5.3.38. Hiragana script
5.3.39. Imperial Aramaic script
5.3.40. Inscriptional Pahlavi script
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5.3.47. Kayah Li script
5.3.48. Kharoshthi script
5.3.49. Khmer script
5.3.51. Kurdish language
5.3.54. Lepcha script
5.3.55. Limbu script
5.3.56. Lisu script
5.3.57. Lycian script
5.3.58. Lydian script
5.3.59. Macedonian language
5.3.60. Malayalam script
5.3.61. Mandaic script
5.3.62. Meitei Mayek script

5.3.63. Moldavian language
5.3.64. Mongolian script
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5.3.90. Tagbanwa script
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5.3.92. Tai Tham script
5.3.93. Tai Viet script
5.3.94. Tamil script
5.3.95. Telugu script
5.3.96. Thaana script
5.3.98. Tibetan script
5.3.99. Tifinagh script
5.3.100.   Ukrainian language
5.3.101.   Vai script
5.3.102.   Yi script

The new Section 5 on Exhibit A should read as follows:-

5.   Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

Registry Operator may offer registration of IDNs at the second and lower levels provided that Registry Operator complies with the following requirements:
5.1.   Registry Operator must offer Registrars support for handling IDN registrations in EPP.
5.2.   Registry Operator must handle variant IDNs as follows:
5.2.1.   Variant IDNs (as defined in the Registry Operator's IDN tables and IDN Registration Rules) will be blocked from registration.

5.3. Registry Operator may offer registration of IDNs in the following languages/scripts (IDN Tables and IDN Registration Rules will be published by the Registry Operator as specified in the ICANN IDN Implementation Guidelines):

5.3.1. Arabic
5.3.2. Chinese (Excludes Chinese IDN Variants)
5.3.3. Cyrillic
5.3.4. French
5.3.5. Greek
5.3.6. Hebrew
5.3.7. Japanese
5.3.8. Korean
5.3.9. Lao
5.3.10. Latin
5.3.11. Myanmar
5.3.12. Polish
5.3.13. Phoenician
5.3.14. Polish
5.3.15. Russian
5.3.16. Spanish
5.3.17. Swedish
5.3.18. Thai script

BENEFITS OF PROPOSED SERVICE

13. Describe the benefits of the Proposed Service.

During the 2 years in which these 85 IDN languages were available there were no registrations and therefore Infibeam doesn't believe there is current or future demand for these IDNs. Infibeam registry intends to introduce new IDN tables depending on demand from customers.

COMPETITION

14. Do you believe your proposed new Registry Service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.

We do not see any impact on competition from the proposed change.

15. How would you define the markets in which your proposed Registry Service would compete?

Not applicable.

16. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to your proposed Registry Service?

Many registry operators permit multiple language script registration in their TLDs. See http://www.iana.org/domains/idn-tables for a current list.

17. In view of your status as a registry operator, would the introduction of your proposed Registry Service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?

No.

18. Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed Registry Service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.

Yes. Infibeam intends to change its Registry Service Provider for the .OOO TLD to CentralNic. CentralNic will provide the technical functionality to permit the registration of domains names in the 17 IDN languages that will still be offered after the 85 IDN languages are deleted from Exhibit A.

19. Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please describe the communications.

Yes, Infibeam has communicated with both CentralNic and some registrars for the .OOO TLD. Infibeam has issued a revised policy and is publishing this on its NIC.OOO site.

20. Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please submit them with your application. (ICANN will keep the documents confidential).

No.

SECURITY AND STABILITY

21. Does the proposed service alter the storage and input of Registry Data?

Storage and input of Registry Data will not be altered.

22. Please explain how the proposed service will affect the throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems.

None.

23. Have technical concerns been raised about the proposed service, and if so, how do you intend to address those concerns?

None.

OTHER ISSUES

24. Are there any Intellectual Property considerations raised by the Proposed Service?

No.

25. Does the proposed service contain intellectual property exclusive to your gTLD registry?

No.

26. List Disclaimers provided to potential customers regarding the Proposed Service.

Any commercially reasonable disclaimers will be finalized and provided before the proposed service is offered to customers. (Including any clarifications about IDN Chinese variants)

27. Please provide any other relevant information to include with the request.

This RSEP is being submitted because the Registry does not need to have 85 IDN tables. In addition the proposed new Registry Services Provider does not currently support all Chinese IDN variants. Once the transition has been completed, registrars and registrants will no longer be able to register domain names in the languages/scripts being withdrawn. Existing registrations in those languages/scripts (if
any) will continue to function and operate normally.

Until such time as CentralNic is able to fully implement the handling of character variants for Chinese domain names, we will refrain from offering new Chinese registrations.

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Affected TLDs

Current Registry Operator	Top Level Domain	Registry Agreement Date
INFIBEAM INCORPORATION LIMITED	ooo	2014-01-09