

Standard Amendment Language

Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition (BTAPPA)

Version: June 2019

The following standard amendment language has been previously approved by ICANN organization for this specific Registry Service as requested through the Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) process. Upon approval of an RSEP request for the specified Registry Service, the registry operator and ICANN org would proceed to execute a Registry Agreement amendment incorporating this language into Exhibit A of the Registry Agreement, or as an appropriate addendum or appendix.

"[#]. Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition

Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition ("BTAPPA") is a registry service available to consenting registrars in the circumstance where (i) one ICANN-accredited registrar purchases, by means of a stock or asset purchase, merger or similar transaction, a portion but not all, of another ICANN-accredited registrar's domain name portfolio in the TLD or (ii) a newly accredited registrar (gaining registrar) requests a transfer of all domain names from the losing registrar for which the gaining registrar has served as the reseller. Upon completion of the transfer, the gaining registrar is the new sponsoring registrar. The gaining registrar must certify the BTAPPA would not otherwise qualify under ICANN's Transfer Policy.

At least fifteen days before completing a BTAPPA, the losing registrar must provide written notice of the bulk change of sponsorship to all domain name registrants for names involved in the BTAPPA. The notice must include an explanation of how the RDDS record will change after the BTAPPA occurs and customer support and technical contact information of the gaining registrar.

The losing registrar's existing Registration Agreement with customers must permit the transfer of domain names in the event of acquisition by another party. A single BTAPPA request may be submitted for transfers from multiple losing registrars provided they are Affiliated Registrars as defined by the 2013 or subsequent Registrar Accreditation Agreement.

The expiration dates of transferred registrations are not affected and, therefore, there are no ICANN fees. Once the BTAPPA is complete, there is no grace period to reverse the transfer.

Domain names in the following EPP statuses at the time of the BTAPPA execution shall not be transferred:

- Base statuses: pendingTransfer, pendingDelete.
- Redemption Grace Period ("RGP") statuses: redemptionPeriod, pendingRestore, pendingDelete.

Domain names that are within a grace period window are subject to BTAPPA, but Registry Operator may decline to provide a credit for those names deleted after the BTAPPA and prior to the expiration of the applicable grace period window.

Registry Operator must reject a BTAPPA request if there is reasonable evidence that a transfer under BTAPPA is being requested in order to avoid fees otherwise due to Registry Operator or ICANN. Registry Operator has discretion to reject a BTAPPA request if a registrar with common ownership or management or both has already requested BTAPPA service within the preceding six-month period."