



27 April 2018

Registrar Stakeholder Group
c/o Graeme Bunton

Re: Letter of 20 April 2018 from Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Chair Graeme Button

Dear Graeme and RrSG:

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2018¹ requesting postponement of the 2018 Spring Registrar Audit to allow registrars adequate opportunity to implement changes required to comply with Europe's General Data Protection Regulation.

The April 2018 registrar audit round is on hold.

As you know, ICANN Contractual Compliance audits contracted parties to address potential non-compliance issues and community concerns. We are reviewing the schedule, resources and risks associated with holding a single, larger audit round in autumn of 2018, as well as considering alternative approaches.

We look forward to engaging with the RrSG next month at the GDD Summit where we hope to discuss the current registrar audit schedule and other compliance-related matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Hedlund", written in a cursive style.

Jamie Hedlund
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¹ The letter has been posted to the ICANN Correspondence page (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/correspondence>) with direct link at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/bunton-to-hedlund-20apr18-en.pdf>