

12 November 2018

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

Patrick S. Kane Senior Vice President, Verisign, Inc. 12061 Bluemont Way Reston, VA 20190

Dear Mr. Kane

Thank you for your <u>21 September 2018 letter</u> requesting an extension to the current implementation deadlines for the Thick WHOIS Consensus Policy for .com and .net.

The ICANN Board reviewed this matter on 25 October 2018 and passed a <u>resolution</u> to extend the implementation dates with the goal of providing additional time for ICANN org, Verisign and registrars to discuss Verisign's proposed amendments to the .com and .net Registry-Registrar agreements.

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

- By 31 May 2019: The registry operator must begin accepting Thick WHOIS data from registrars for existing registrations in .com and .net.
- By 30 November 2019: All registrars must send Thick WHOIS data to the registry operator for all new registrations in .com and .net.
- By 31 May 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 facilitate discussions and will be in touch with proposed dates or times for these discussions shortly.

Sincerely,



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