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Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) Request

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Registry Operator
SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE CORPORATION

Request Details
Case Number: 00971325

This Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request form should be submitted for review by ICANN org when a registry operator is adding, modifying, or removing a Registry Service for a TLD or group of TLDs.

The RSEP Process webpage provides additional information about the process and lists RSEP requests that have been reviewed and/or approved by ICANN org. If you are proposing a service that was previously approved, we encourage you to respond similarly to the most recently approved request(s) to facilitate ICANN org's review.

Certain known Registry Services are identified in the Naming Services portal (NSp) case type list under "RSEP Fast Track" (example: "RSEP Fast Track – BTAPPA"). If you would like to submit a request for one of these services, please exit this case and select the specific Fast Track case type. Unless the service is identified under RSEP Fast Track, all other RSEP requests should be submitted through this form.

Helpful Tips

- Click the "Save" button to save your work. This will allow you to return to the request at a later time and will not submit the request.
- You may print or save your request as a PDF by clicking the printer icon in the upper right corner. You must click "Save" at least once in order to print the request.
- Click the "Submit" button to submit your completed request to ICANN org.
- Complete the information requested below. All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required. If not applicable, respond with "N/A."

1. PROPOSED SERVICE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Name of proposed service.

Removal of IDN support for .sbs

1.2. Provide a general description of the proposed service including the impact to external users and how it will be offered.

Registry Operator at this time will not offer registration of IDNs at the second level under the .SBS gTLD. Currently, .sbs does offers support for
certain IDNs. We Would like to remove all IDN support.

1.3. Provide a technical description of the proposed service.

Registry Operator at this time will not be offering Registrars support for handling IDN registrations in EPP.

1.4. If this proposed service has already been approved by ICANN org, identify and provide a link to the RSEP request for the same service that was most recently approved.

n/a

1.5. Describe the benefits of the proposed service and who would benefit from the proposed service.

We believe that our proposed service will have no effect on competition.

1.6. Describe the timeline for implementation of the proposed service.

As soon as ICANN approves this request.

1.7. If additional information should be considered with the description of the proposed service, attach one or more file(s) below.

1.8. If the proposed service adds or modifies Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) languages or scripts that have already been approved in another RSEP request or are considered pre-approved by ICANN org, provide (a) a reference to the RSEP request, TLD(s), and IDN table(s) that were already approved or (b) a link to the pre-approved Reference Label Generation Rules (LGR). Otherwise, indicate "not applicable."

Not Applicable

The most current IDN requirements will be used to evaluate a submitted table.

2. SECURITY AND STABILITY

2.1. What effect, if any, will the proposed service have on the life cycle of domain names?

No effect

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

No

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

No effect

2.4. Have technical concerns been raised about the proposed service? If so, identify the concerns and describe how you intend to address those concerns.

None

2.5. Describe the quality assurance plan and/or testing of the proposed service prior to deployment.

We will monitor and work with the backend provider, CentralNic, and with registrars to ensure there aren't any technical issues with the removal of .SBS IDNs.

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

N/A

3. COMPETITION

3.1. Do you believe the proposed service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.

We believe that our proposed service will have no effect on competition.

3.2. How would you define the markets in which the proposed service would compete?

This service would be available worldwide.

3.3. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to the proposed service?

n/a

3.4. In view of your status as a Registry Operator, would the introduction of the proposed service potentially affect the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?

Our proposes service would not impair the ability of other companies

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

CentralNic will be the back end registry services provider, and they would be implementing these services from a technical standpoint.
CentralNic is one of the largest backend service providers for gTLDs. They have implemented this exact service for many other
extensions they support.

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

Only registrars that offer .sbs will be affected by this change.

3.7. If you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of the proposed service, attach them below. ICANN will keep the documents confidential.

4. CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

4.1. List the relevant contractual provisions impacted by the proposed service. This includes, but is not limited to, Consensus Policies, previously approved amendments or services, Reserved Names, and Rights Protection Mechanisms.

Exhibit A of the .sbs RA will be impacted with removal of all IDN Tables

4.2. What effect, if any, will the proposed service have on the reporting of data to ICANN?

No Effect

4.3. What effect, if any, will the proposed service have on Registration Data Directory Service (RDDS)?*

No Effect

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

No Effect

4.5. Will the proposed service result in a change to a Material Subcontracting Arrangement (MSA) as defined by the Registry Agreement? If so, identify and describe the change. Please note that a change to an MSA requires consent from ICANN org through the MSA change request process. The RSEP request must be approved prior to submitting the MSA change request.

The removal of current existing IDN table is in line to be part of the concurrent MSA request currently created as a case for this TLD.

5. AUTHORIZATION LANGUAGE

5.1. A Registry Agreement (RA) amendment is required when the proposed service: (i) contradicts existing provisions in the RA or (ii) is not contemplated in the RA and, therefore, needs to be added to Exhibit A of the RA and/or as an appropriate addendum/appendix. If applicable, provide draft language (or a link to previously approved RA amendment language) describing the service to be used in an RA amendment if the proposed service is approved. If an RA amendment is not applicable, respond with "N/A" and provide a complete response to question 5.2.*

For examples or for IDN services, you may refer to the webpage for standard RA template amendments for commonly requested Registry Services.

n/a

5.2. If the proposed service is permissible under an existing provision in the Registry Agreement, identify the provision and provide rationale. If not applicable, respond with "N/A" and provide a complete response to question 5.1.

n/a

6. CONSULTATION

6.1. ICANN org encourages you to set up a consultation call through your Engagement Manager prior to submitting this RSEP request. This is to help ensure that necessary information is assembled ahead of time.

Identify if and when you had a consultation call with ICANN org. If you did not request a consultation call, provide rationale.

Consultation call made with ICANN Engagement Manager, Lisa Carter

6.2. Describe your consultations with the community, experts, and/or others. This can include, but is not limited to, the relevant community for a sponsored or community TLD, registrars or the registrar constituency, end users and/or registrants, or other constituency groups. What were the quantity, nature, and results of the consultations? How will the proposed service impact these groups? Which groups support or oppose this proposed service?

n/a

7. OTHER

7.1. Would there be any intellectual property impact or considerations raised by the proposed service?

No

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

No

7.3. Provide any other relevant information to include with the request. If none, respond with "N/A."

N/A

7.4. If additional information should be considered, attach one or more file(s) below.

Affected TLDs

Current Registry Operator	Top Level Domain	Registry Agreement Date
SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE CORPORATION	sbs	2014-11-07