

Dear Registry Operators and Registrars,

This is a reminder that the root certificate of the Certificate Authority (CA) for the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH-CA) will be changed effective **18:00 UTC on 15 February 2023**. Your systems must use the new certificate to successfully interoperate with other systems for functions related to the TMCH after 15 February. After the new TMCH-CA is in use, all trademark holders and agents will be required to use new Signed Mark Data (SMD) files. Older SMD files signed with the current TMCH-CA will no longer be usable.

With this change, the URLs to the active certificate and CRL will be changed to the new files. Organizations that do not have automated processes to fetch these files nightly will need to download them manually.

- The active TMCH-CA certificate: https://ca.icann.org/tmch.crt
- The active CRL: http://crl.icann.org/tmch.crl

More information is available here https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/trademark-clearinghouse/faqs#tmch-ca-renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact Global Support atglobalsupport@icann.org.

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