



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

27 May 2014

Mr. David Wright
Secretary General
International Organization of Securities Commissions
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Spain

Re: New Generic Top-Level Domains Program

Dear Mr. David Wright:

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2014. We appreciate the International Organization of Securities Commissions' feedback, and we have posted your letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<http://www.icann.org/en/news/correspondence/wright-to-crocker-13mar14-en.pdf>).

As you know, in its Beijing Communiqué, the GAC advised the ICANN Board that "strings that are linked to regulated or professional sectors should operate in a way that is consistent with applicable laws" (<http://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/gac-to-board-11apr13-en.pdf>). The GAC proposed specific safeguards that would apply to a broad category of strings related to "consumer protection, sensitive strings, and regulated markets," including the financial sector. On 5 February 2014, the ICANN Board's New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) adopted a resolution accepting the GAC Advice, available at (<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-new-gtld-annex-1-05feb14-en.pdf>), along with an implementation framework (<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-new-gtld-annex-2-05feb14-en.pdf>).

Safeguards consistent with the implementation framework will be added to Specification 11 of the Registry Agreement as public interest commitments for applications subject to GAC Category 1 Safeguard Advice. The additional safeguards included in Specification 11 are mandatory requirements for those strings. For more information, please view the 19 March 2014 Advisory on GAC Category 1 Advice



Implementation (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/advisories/gac-cat1-advice-19mar14-en>).

In regards to your question about when the gTLDs will be available to the general public, the exact dates vary by individual TLD. Please refer to the TLD Startup Information page on the new gTLD microsite for an up-to-date list of the Sunrise periods and other registration periods for new gTLDs (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/sunrise-claims-periods>).

Thank you for your interest in the New gTLD Program. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service Center at newgtld@icann.org.

Sincerely,

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

Christine A. Willett
Vice President, gTLD Operations