Redelegations
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- Assignment of a new operator of a (country code) top-level domain

- Unlike routine requests to alter the root zone, tested for public interest criteria in addition to the normal processing checks.
Guiding Documents

- Domain Name Structure and Delegation (1994)
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  - http://www.icann.org/icp/icp1.htm
- The Governmental Advisory Committee Principles for Delegation and Administration of ccTLDs.
  - http://www.icann.org/committees/gac/gac-cctldprinciples-23feb00.htm
Redelegation Procedure

- Request for redelegation is sent to IANA
- IANA performs evaluation
  - consultations with:
    - requestor to understand situation, seek additional documentation
    - current operators to determine consent
    - local Internet actors to confirm assertions on LIC support
    - governments to identify support
    - ICANN staff who have insight into local situation
- If assessed to proceed, considered by ICANN board
- Upon approval, implement normally (incl. USDOC, VeriSign)
- Report published on website
Criteria for assessing applicant (1 of 2)

1. Operational and technical skills
   a. The prospective manager has the requisite skills to operate the TLD appropriately. (ICP-1 §a, RFC 1591 §3.5)
   b. There must be reliable, full-time IP connectivity to the nameservers and electronic mail connectivity to the operators; (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)
   c. The manager must perform its duties in assigning domains and operating nameservers with technical competence (ICP-1 §d; RFC 1591 §3.5)

2. Operator in country
   a. The prospective manager supervises and operates the domain name from within the country represented by the TLD; (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)
   b. The prospective administrative contact must reside in the country represented by the TLD. (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.1)
3. **Equitable treatment**
   
   a. The prospective manager must be equitable and fair to all groups encompassed by the TLD that may request domain names (ICP-1 §c; RFC 1591 §3.3)

4. **Community/Governmental support**
   
   a. The prospective manager has the requisite authority to operate the TLD appropriately, with the desire of the government taken very seriously. (ICP-1 §a, GAC Principles)

   b. Significantly interested parties in the domain should agree that the prospective manager is the appropriate party to receive the delegation (ICP-1 §a; RFC 1591 §3.4)
Other evaluation considerations

- Transition plan
- Consent of the current operator
- Malfeasance by the current operator
Thank you for your attention!

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