

## **.ARCHI DOMAIN NAME POLICY**

### **BACKGROUND**

1. The .ARCHI gTLD (also designated as the .ARCHI domain), is a generic Top Level Domain string exclusively developed for the community of architects, and will be therefore exclusively reserved to academically qualified architects and their immediate environment (*e.g.* media and press, architectural education).
2. The purpose of this Domain Name Policy (“DNP”) is to identify and explain the mechanisms and procedures required for registering .ARCHI domain names.
3. This DNP is to be read together with the .ARCHI Registration Agreement, and words and phrases used in this document shall have the same meaning attributed to them in the Registration Agreement unless otherwise specified or the context clearly otherwise requires.
4. The Registry, which is Starting Dot Ltd, the entity administering the .ARCHI domain, shall modify this document from time to time, in order to comply with applicable laws and terms and/or any conditions set forth by ICANN. Any revisions or modifications to this DNP shall be effective thirty (30) days after the initial date of posting such revisions or modifications on the Registry’s website and such amendments shall be binding upon the domain name registrant.

## **1. USE OF THE .ARCHI DOMAIN**

### **1.1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT**

- 1.1.1. In order to register a .ARCHI domain, the Registrant must meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - being an individual professional architect or an architecture firm registered as a member of a Union Internationale des Architectes (“UIA”) Member Section (*i.e.*, ; either a Member Section or an Allied Member Section of UIA as defined in UIA Bylaw Section II.3. The current list of UIA Member Sections and Allied Member Section is available in section "What is UIA?" on UIA website at [www.uia-architectes.org](http://www.uia-architectes.org)); or
  - being an architecture-related organization (such as schools, museums, professional media, etc.) listed on a dedicated list defined by the APAC (*i.e.*, Archi Policy Advisory Committee which is the supervising and regulatory body of the .ARCHI Domain) in collaboration with the UIA and the UIA Member Sections, and available on the Registry website.
- 1.1.2. After consultation with the APAC, the Registry reserves the right to extend the .ARCHI eligibility criteria to national architects associations that are not currently members of the UIA and are appointed by a member of the UIA.
- 1.1.3. With the registration of a .ARCHI domain, each registrant explicitly agrees to the registration policies and acknowledge compliance with the registration.

## 1.2 ACCEPTABLE AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- 1.2.1 All Registrants (*i.e.*, the entity having registered a .ARCHI secondary level domain name, including the contact used when making the registration) must act responsibly in their use of any .ARCHI domain or website hosted on any .ARCHI domain.
- 1.2.2 The Registrant undertakes to register any labels (*i.e.*, individual words or characters to the left of the dot of the .ARCHI top-level domain) that are in accordance with:
- This Domain Name Policy;
  - ICANN rules and regulations; and
  - Statutory provisions of the European Union countries or the statutory provisions of his place of residence or its place of incorporation.
- 1.2.3 The Registrant undertakes not to register any labels that:
- Violate ethical or criminal law principles (included, but not limited to, abusive, illegal, violent, racist, obscene, ethnically offensive, harmful to minor, offensive terms, terms that violate morality and public order);
  - Violate the rights of others;
  - Are abusive, speculative or with an anti-competitive purpose; and
  - Plagiarize public body or their affiliates domain names, content or services.
- 1.2.4 Third Level registrations of .ARCHI labels are not supported by the Registry.
- 1.2.5 The Registry will not tolerate neither a violation of this DNP in registration of a label nor such content on a website hosted on a .ARCHI domain.
- 1.2.6 The Registry reserves the right, in its sole discretion and without notice to any other party, to take appropriate actions (whether administrative, operational or otherwise) to:
- Protect the integrity and stability of the Registry;
  - Comply with any applicable laws, government rules or requirements, ICANN regulations, requests of law enforcement, or any dispute resolution process;
  - Avoid any liability, civil or criminal, on the part of Registry as well as its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees;
  - Comply with the terms of the registration agreement, the Registry-Registrar Agreement, the Registry Agreement, or any other binding commitments, whether written or otherwise;
  - Correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection with a domain name registration;
  - Allow for the resolution of a dispute of any sort whether or not the dispute appears to be unmerited or unsubstantiated;
  - Respond to complaints of abusive behavior on websites hosted on .ARCHI domains; or
  - Otherwise implement the Acceptable Use Policy.

## 1.3 ILLEGAL USE AND COMPLIANCE

- 1.3.1 The Registry shall identify an infringement to this DNP by any means, including without limitation, a private complaint, public alert, government or enforcement agency outreach, ICANN notification, and on-going monitoring by the Registry or its partners.
- 1.3.2 At its discretion, the Registry or its designee shall review any website hosted on a .ARCHI domain through an automated system or otherwise, for the purpose of identifying an infringement of this Domain Name Policy .

- 1.3.3 Conduct in violation of this DNP includes, but is not limited to phishing, domain name or domain theft, botnet command and control, distribution of malware, fast flux attacks/hosting, hacking, pharming, spam, piracy, counterfeiting, and child pornography, cybersquatting, front-running, gripe sites, deceptive and/or offensive domain names, fake renewal notices, crossgTLD registration scam, name spinning, pay-per-click, traffic diversion, false affiliation, domain kiting/tasting, fast-flux, 419 scams or if the domain name is being used in a manner that appears to threaten the stability, integrity or security of the Registry, or any of its Registrar partners and/or that may put the safety and security of any registrant or user at risk.
- 1.3.4 All complaint should be addressed to: [abuse.archi@startingdot.com](mailto:abuse.archi@startingdot.com)
- 1.3.5 In case of failure to comply with clause 1.2. and 1.3. of this DNP, the Registry (or its designees) reserves the right, at its own discretion, to:
- Alert any relevant Registrar about any identified threats and shall work with the Registrar to resolve such issues;
  - Utilize such other methods in compliance with applicable laws and ICANN policies, as it deems appropriate;
  - Bring the offending sites into compliance using any of the methods described in this Domain Name Policy, or others whether or not described in this Domain Name Policy;
  - Stop registrations of labels;
  - Remove the registered labels; and
  - Revoke a domain name.

## **2. INTERNATIONALIZED DOMAIN NAMES (IDNs)**

- 2.1. The Registry offers IDN labels in compliance with RFCs 5890, 5891, 5892, 5893 and their successors as referred to in the ICANN IDN Guidelines located at <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/idn/implementation-guidelines>. The ICANN IDN Guidelines may be amended, modified, or superseded from time to time.
- 2.2. The Registry will publish and keep updated its IDN tables and IDN registration rules in the IANA repository of IDN practices as specified in the ICANN IDN guidelines.

## **3. RESERVED NAMES**

- 3.1. The Registry shall reserve (*i.e.* withhold from registration or allocate to itself), restrict, or block a number of specified domain names from registration (“Reserved List”).
- 3.2. The Registry shall add or remove domain names from its Reserved List at any time.
- 3.3. This Reserved List of domain names shall generally consists of:
- Names reserved for Registry operations and other purposes, including without limitation, certain premium names retained for use by Registry’s strategic partners;
  - Names reserved for specific groups of the community including UIA Member Sections and Allied Members Sections as defined in UIA Bylaws section II.3,
  - Names reserved for specific groups of the community, including but not limited to architecture event and congress organizing committees, architecture prize and award



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committees, architecture schools and universities offering graduate degrees in architecture;

- Names Reserved following ICANN requirements such as, but not limited to, Specification 5 of the New gTLD Registry Agreement; and
- Names which are temporarily unavailable due to processing delays from Sunrise or Landrush registrations, or for any other reasons.

3.4 .ARCHI Registry Reserved Labels Policy and the list of Registry Reserved Labels are visible on the Registry website at [www.startingdot.com/archi/reserved/](http://www.startingdot.com/archi/reserved/).

3.5 Activations of reserved names shall be provisioned via ICANN accredited registrars.

#### **4. WHOIS**

4.1. The data collected by registrars during domain name registration will be published in the .ARCHI WHOIS database at <whois.domain.archi>. This information will provide the public with the ability to contact a domain name holder for any reason.

4.2. In addition, the Registry will require registrars to post privacy policies that provide clear and complete notice to registrants about the type of data that will be collected and maintained by the Registry, the use of such data in operating the registry service (including display through the WHOIS service), and the registrant's right to access and correct data maintained by the Registry Operator. Clear consent to such data collection policies is a prerequisite to the submission of a domain name registration request.

4.3. The Registry will be compliant with all the security, WHOIS, and privacy requirements required by ICANN.

4.4. The Registry will comply with all confidentiality and security regulations in its jurisdiction of residence. The Registry has further ensured that its suppliers will take all reasonable measures to maintain the security and privacy of information collected from the Registry.

#### **5. ENFORCEMENT, TERMINATION AND DELETION**

##### **5.1 ACTION THE REGISTRY MAY TAKE**

5.1.1 The DNP includes enforcement procedures and processes, in addition to those procedures that have been established in accordance with Consensus Policies such as the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy:

- Verification of entitlement of the registrant at the time of registration of a domain name, and at any other time on a random basis; and
- Ongoing verification throughout the term of the domain name registration, where necessary.

5.1.2 The Registry shall take actions, including but not limited to:

- Conduct random quarterly controls on a sample basis of .ARCHI Registrants;
- Verify whether a registrant meets the eligibility requirements and/or domain name restrictions on the basis of public information, such as the information displayed on the registrant's website, as well as other sources, in particular authentication of

architect's membership in one of the UIA Member Section or inclusion in a list established by the Policy Advisory Committee in collaboration with the UIA and its Member Sections (for eligible architecture schools, professional press/media, museums);

- Contact the registrant and the registrar with the request to provide proof that the registrant is meeting such requirements within a reasonable timeframe when in doubt;
- Deny attempted registrations from repeat violators;
- Cancel or transfer or take ownership of any domain name, either temporarily or permanently; and
- Lock down a domain name preventing any changes to the contact and name server information associated with the domain name.

5.1.3 The Registry shall also take preventative measures at its sole discretion, including but not limited to:

- DNSSEC deployment which reduces the opportunity for pharming and other man-in-the-middle attacks;
- Removal of orphan glue records; and
- Place upon registry lock, hold or similar status a domain name during resolution of a dispute.

5.1.4 If, following the investigation of a complaint or an ex-officio review of the registrant's compliance with the Registry Operator's policies, or insufficient proof is provided by the Registrant that all policy requirements have been complied with, the Registry shall be entitled to put the domain name on hold or even revoke the domain name. Registry shall notify registrar within twenty-four (24) hours via an EPP poll message of the domain name being put on hold or revoked. Furthermore, the Registry shall inform the public that the domain name has been previously used contrary to its registration policies.

5.1.5 Without prejudice to further legal rights, as part of abusive rules required by ICANN for gTLD, the Registry can under certain circumstances, remove a domain name and its technical data from the name servers for the .ARCHI top-level domain, change the contact data, or delete a domain name.

5.1.6 In addition, name servers that are found to be associated with fraudulent registrations may be added to a local blacklist, and any existing or new registrations that use such fraudulent NS record may be investigated.

5.1.7 Anyone can check compliance with the registration requirements by initiating an extrajudicial dispute resolution procedure ("ARCHI Eligibility Requirements Dispute Resolution Policy – ERDRP").

## 5.2 POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY THE PARTIES

5.2.1 The Registry is not bound to adjudicate any dispute between parties, and cannot, and does not, accept any responsibility for any loss or damage a domain name registrant or anyone else may suffer as a result of any action or omission by us or by anyone else under this Acceptable Use Policy.

5.2.2 Any abuse-related issues with which the Registry is unable to assist should be resolved through an appropriate dispute resolution forum. In such circumstance, the Registry shall act following provision of:

- The final determination of an internationally recognized dispute resolution body or a court of law, resolving the inter-party dispute or otherwise mandating the Registry's action;
- Any requirement of ICANN or other recognized authority which demands action or response; or
- In the case of a wrongful transfer of a domain name, a registrant may also provide written agreement of the Registrar of record and the gaining Registrar sent by email, letter or fax that the transfer was made by mistake or procedural error or was unauthorized.

5.2.3 Anyone acting under clause 5.2 of this DNP is responsible for all costs, fees, damages and other expenses relating to any such action, including any actions the Registry is required to take.

### 5.3 **THE REGISTRY COMPLAINTS POINT OF CONTACT**

5.3.1 The Registry Complaints Point of Contact shall handle any complaints in relation to a .ARCHI domain name registration, including where the complainant alleges that a particular registrant does not meet the eligibility requirements or domain name restrictions.

5.3.2 All notice should be served by mail to the following address:  
[complaint.archi@startingdot.com](mailto:complaint.archi@startingdot.com)