



Date: 16 March 2020

ICANN Preliminary Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - xn--pbt977c Top-Level Domain

On 17 February 2020, Richemont DNS Inc. notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the xn--pbt977c Registry Agreement entered into on 22 December 2014. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org consulted with Richemont DNS Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the xn--pbt977c top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN org has made a preliminary determination that operation of the xn--pbt977c TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN org's review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and is based on various factors, including ICANN org's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. Richemont DNS Inc. attested and ICANN org confirmed that there are no domain name registrations in the xn--pbt977c TLD beyond those required by the Registry Agreement.

Before releasing its final determination, ICANN org will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org. The deadline to submit input is 15 April 2020 – 23:59 UTC.

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