

7 June 2019

TRANSMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, FACSIMILE, AND COURIER

RE: NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRAR ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT

Ilia Kostiuchenko BrandNames.com SARL (IANA#911) Chirosima 2 Levanta Court, Block A, 2nd floor, office A203 Limassol 3055 Cyprus

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Dear Ilia Kostiuchenko:

Please be advised that as of 7 June 2019, BrandNames.com SARL's ("BrandNames.com") 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") dated 9 October 2014 ("RAA") is terminated pursuant to Section 5.5.4 of the RAA. The termination shall become effective 5 July 2019, 28 calendar days from the date of this notice.

The termination is due to BrandNames.com's failure to timely cure the breaches by 31 May 2019 as set forth in ICANN's notice of breach of RAA dated 10 May 2019. As of 7 June 2019, the following breach remains:

 BrandNames.com's failure to provide an interactive webpage and a port 43 Whois service providing free public query-based access to up-to-date data concerning all active registered names sponsored by BrandNames.com for each top-level domain ("TLD") in which it is accredited, as required by Section 3.3.1 of the RAA.

Additionally, BrandNames.com has failed to:

Deposit gTLD registration data on a weekly basis to an approved escrow agent, ensure
that the deposits meet the required specifications, and provide an explanation to address
the apparent inconsistency between the number of second level domains (SLDs) being
reported as registered by BrandNames.com and the number of SLDs contained in
BrandNames.com's latest escrow deposits;



- 2. Clearly display renewal fees, post-expiration renewal fees (if different) and redemption/restore fees on BrandNames.com's website and provide a link to these fees in BrandNames.com's registration agreement;
- 3. Provide a description of the methods used to deliver pre- and post-expiration notifications on BrandNames.com's website, and include such description or a link to the applicable page(s) on its website where this information is available in BrandNames.com's registration agreement; and
- 4. Provide ICANN with a completed Registrar Information Specification (RIS) form, with accurate and current information, the required supporting documentation, including documentation demonstrating BrandNames.com is legally established and in good standing, and the location of any applicable information published on BrandNames.com's website, as required by Section 3.17 of the RAA.

Please see the chronology below for additional details.

BrandNames.com is further advised that the logo license granted in the Logo License Specification to the RAA is revoked as of 5 July 2019. Please remove all ICANN trademarks, name and logo from BrandNames.com's website and business materials that have been licensed to BrandNames.com under the terms of that Specification by 5 July 2019.

Domain Name Transition Process

To protect domain name registrants, ICANN will commence the domain name transition process and will solicit bids for a qualified ICANN-accredited registrar to manage the domain names currently managed by BrandNames.com.

ICANN will follow the <u>De-Accredited Registrar Transition Procedure</u> ("Procedure"). Consistent with the Procedure, please designate a bulk transfer recipient, by 14 June 2019, and inform ICANN's Registrar Liaison Team at <u>RegTransition@icann.org</u>.

ICANN reserves all its rights under the RAA. Please note the rights and obligations required to have effect after the expiration of the RAA, including but not limited to Sections 3.4 Retention of Registered Name Holder and Registration Data, 3.9 Accreditation Fees, 5.8 Resolution of Disputes Under this Agreement, and 5.9 Limitations on Monetary Remedies for Violations of this Agreement.

BrandNames.com owes past due accreditation fees. These fees are required to be paid to ICANN by Section 3.9 of the RAA. Please immediately submit payment to ICANN Accounting.

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Leticia Castillo at leticia.castillo@icann.org.



Sincerely,

Jamie Hedlund

Jan V Hall

Senior Vice President, Contractual Compliance and Consumer Safeguards Managing Director, Washington, DC Office

Cc: John O. Jeffrey, General Counsel and Secretary



Chronology:

Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
19-Mar-2019	26-Mar-2019	ICANN sent 1st compliance notice via email to registrar@brandnames.com . No response received from Registrar.
27-Mar-2019	3-Apr-2019	ICANN sent 2nd compliance notice via email to registrar@brandnames.com . No response received from Registrar.
28-Mar-2019	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at mobile number [NUMBER REDACTED]. No answer and no ability to leave a voicemail. ICANN called Registrar Representative at +79103326543. No answer and no ability to leave a voicemail.
4-Apr-2019	11-Apr-2019	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via email to registrar@brandnames.com.
4-Apr-2019	N/A	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via fax to +44 2030311130. Fax successful.
8-Apr-2019	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at mobile number +357 95767017 and provided Primary Contact with complaint details.
12-Apr-2019	N/A	Email from Registrar [EMAIL REDACTED] insufficient to demonstrate compliance.
15-Apr-2019	22-Apr-2019	ICANN sent follow-up compliance notice via email to registrar@brandnames.com and [EMAIL REDACTED]. No response received from Registrar.
18-Apr-2019	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at mobile number [NUMBER REDACTED] and provided Primary Contact with complaint details.
2-May-2019	N/A	ICANN conducted compliance check to determine other areas of noncompliance.
10-May-2019	31-May-2019	ICANN issues Notice of Breach to Registrar. No response received from Registrar.
10-May-2019	N/A	ICANN sent Notice of Breach via fax to +44 2030311130. Fax successful.
10-May-2019	N/A	ICANN sent Notice of Breach via courier to Registrar Primary Contact postal address. Delivery confirmed.
22-May-2019	N/A	ICANN sent reminder notice via email to registrar@brandnames.com and [EMAIL REDACTED]. No response received from Registrar.
7-Jun-2019	N/A	To date, the Registrar has not responded to ICANN with the requested information and documentation and the issue remains unresolved.