



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Re: Name collision issue and contracting information request for applications 1-1748-81516 and 1-1748-14964

Dear Ms. Ingrid Baele:

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2014. We appreciate that you took the time to write to us, and we have posted your letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence/baele-to-chehade-et-al-24feb14-en.pdf>).

We would like to address your inquiry regarding how the deadline of nine months from receipt of a Contracting Information Request to enter into a Registry Agreement with ICANN impacts applications that are not eligible for the Alternate Path to Delegation. Eligibility for the Alternate Path to Delegation does not impact the Registry Agreement or the deadline for execution. ICANN will execute a Registry Agreement for a TLD that is not eligible for the Alternate Path to Delegation, provided that the application meets all other eligibility criteria.

In regards to your question about the timing for delegation of such TLDs, the exact timing for delegation of a TLD that is not eligible for the Alternate Path to Delegation is dependent upon the ICANN Board New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) approval of a framework for addressing name collision. Please note that on 10 June 2014, ICANN released the JAS Global Advisors report "Mitigating the Risk of DNS Namespace Collisions Phase One" (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/name-collision-mitigation-study-06jun14-en.pdf>). This report, along with additional community feedback and other pertinent data, will be considered prior to providing the NGPC with a proposal to address name collisions for new gTLDs as part of the New gTLD Collision Occurrence Management Plan. It is expected that the Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework will be finalized in the near future.



For more information about the Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework, we encourage you to visit Name Collision Resources & Information page on the ICANN website (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/name-collision-2013-12-06-en>). Additionally, please monitor the New gTLD Announcements page for the latest updates on name collisions as they relate to the Program (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/announcements-and-media/latest>).

Thank you for your communication and your interest in the New gTLD Program. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact New gTLD Customer Service at [newgtld@icann.org](mailto:newgtld@icann.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine A. Willett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Christine A. Willett  
Vice President, GDD Operations