

16 January 2020

Mr. Keith Drazek  
Chair, GNSO Council

RE: ICANN Policy on Transfer of Registrations between Registrars - Gaining Registrar Form of Authorization

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your [31 October 2019 letter](#) regarding the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (Temporary Specification) and potential implementation issues related to the Gaining Registrar Form of Authorization (FOA) requirement detailed in Section 1 of Appendix G, which superseded the Transfer Policy under certain conditions.

Pursuant to the Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs, this provision will remain in effect until the Registration Data Policy's effective date. Furthermore, the [Final Report](#) of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Expedited Policy Development Process, specifically Recommendation #24, is consistent with the Temporary Specification and does not alter the current contractual obligations.

We note your request to refer the issue to be considered during the review of Transfer Policy and to defer compliance enforcement of the Gaining Registrar FOA requirement until this matter is settled in the Transfer Policy review.

The ICANN Board will evaluate and consider your request at an upcoming Board meeting. We appreciate your continued attention to these matters and look forward to engaging further on this topic with the GNSO Council and the broader community.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors