

Questionnaire to Chinese and Arabic gTLD Registry Operators Regarding Variants

Purpose

The GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process on Internationalized Domain Names (EPDP-IDN) is tasked to develop policy recommendations on the definition of all gTLDs and the management of variant labels to facilitate their delegation in the root zone.

The EPDP-IDN Team developed this brief questionnaire to gauge the potential interest in activating variant labels from eligible registry operators, whose Chinese and Arabic gTLDs under their management have allocatable variant labels.

Your responses to this questionnaire will serve as critical inputs to the EPDP-IDN Team's deliberations around the timing and mechanism by which eligible existing gTLD registry operators may be able to request activation of allocatable variant label(s).

Thank you for your participation!

Disclaimer

Please note that this questionnaire is for EPDP-IDN's information gathering purpose only and your responses are voluntary. Your responses will not affect your participation in ICANN's new gTLD program. Your future actions with regard to the variant label(s) identified in this questionnaire will not be bound by your responses. No variant gTLD labels will be delegated through the New gTLD Program until variant management solutions are developed and implemented. Filling out the questionnaire does not guarantee allocation of the variant labels you expressed interest in and will not imply any right or claim to the variant labels.

Background

Some script communities have identified that technically distinct IDN labels may be considered indistinguishable or interchangeable with other domain labels and therefore the "same". Such labels are referred to as IDN variant labels.

IDN variant labels are calculated by the [Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) (RZ-LGR), which provide a conservative mechanism to determine valid IDN TLDs, variant labels, and their disposition values (i.e., allocatable, blocked) for stable and secure operation of the DNS Root Zone. RZ-LGR is expected to be the one and only authoritative source for the validation of existing and future gTLDs and the calculation of their variant labels.

According to the RZ-LGR, among the delegated generic top-level domains, only a subset of Chinese and Arabic gTLDs have allocatable variant labels, which have the possibility to be delegated to the Root Zone.

Chinese variants are characters with different visual forms but with the same pronunciations and meanings as the corresponding official forms. In the Chinese writing system, variants are deemed as exchangeable; the classic case is simplified characters and traditional characters.

Arabic variants are defined by the general Arabic calligraphy principles, such as positions/forms (isolated, initial, medial, or final form), stylistic variations, dot orientation, and orthographic traditions.

As such, a subset of existing registry operators that manage delegated Chinese and Arabic gTLDs which have allocatable variant labels may have the opportunity to request to activate allocatable variant labels of their gTLDs in the future.

Questions

Q1. Based on the RZ-LGR calculation, the Chinese gTLD / Arabic gTLD managed by you has one or more allocatable variant label(s). Please reference the appendix in detail. Based on the preliminary agreement in the EPDP-IDN Team, whose work on developing the variant management solutions is ongoing, the allocatable variant label(s) of your gTLD are expected to be withheld for possible allocation only to you and not to any other registry operator.

Do you have interest in requesting to activate any of the allocatable variant label(s) associated with your gTLD?

[MULTIPLE CHOICE, REQUIRE RESPONSE, SELECT 1]

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Not sure

[IF ANSWER IS YES, PROCEED TO Q2]

[IF ANSWER IS NO, PROCEED TO Q4]

[IF ANSWER IS DON'T KNOW / NOT SURE, PROCEED TO Q4]

Q2. If you have more than one allocatable variant label as indicated in the appendix, which label(s) for which gTLD(s) are you interested in activating?

[OPEN TEXT FIELD]

Q3. What is your desired timeframe to request activating allocatable variant label(s) that you are interested in?

[MULTIPLE CHOICE, REQUIRE RESPONSE, SELECT 1]

- Before the next round of new gTLDs applications
- During the next round of new gTLD applications
- After the next round of new gTLD applications
- On a rolling basis, not dependant on new gTLD application rounds
- No urgency to request for activation
- Don't know / Not sure
- Other [OPEN TEXT FIELD]

Q4. What factors may affect your decision to request activating allocatable variant label(s)?

[OPEN TEXT FIELD]

Appendix: Allocatable Variant Labels of Delegated Arabic and Chinese gTLDs

Allocatable variant labels are calculated via the public LGR Tools using the RZ-LGR-v.4.0:

<https://lgrtool.icann.org/switch/>

A. Delegated Arabic gTLDs

Registry Operator	Delegated gTLD (U-Label)	Delegated gTLD (A-Label)	Allocatable gTLD (U-Label)	Allocatable gTLD (A-Label)
Abu Dhabi Systems and Information Centre	ابوظبي	xn--mgbca7dzdo	ابوظبي	xn--mgbca7dzd84b
Aramco Services Company	ارامكو	xn--mgba3a3ejt	ارامكو	xn--mgba3a0fp59c
			ارامكو	xn--mgba3a0fp10d
Asia Green IT System Bilgisayar San. ve Tic. Ltd. Sti.	همراه	xn--mgbt3dhd	همراه	xn--mgbt3d10ad
Crescent Holding	العليان	xn--mgba7c0bbn0	العليان	xn--mgba7c0bb0b

GmbH		a		37d
			العليان	xn--mgba7c0bbn05g
			العليان	xn--mgba7c0bb32e2d
Helium TLDs Ltd	موقع	xn--4gbrim	موقع	xn--4gbxj49a
International Domain Registry Pty. Ltd.	شبكة	xn--ngbc5azd	شبكة	xn--ngbx0cq
			شبكة	xn--ngbx0c66a
			شبكة	xn--ngbc5az1b
			شبكة	xn--ngbx2d5u
			شبكة	xn--ngbx66aod
			شبكة	xn--ngbc5a31b
			شبكة	xn--ngbx2d9u
			شبكة	xn--ngbx96ahd
Kuwait Finance House	بيتك	xn--ngbe9e0a	بيتك	xn--ngbe9g3q
			بيتك	xn--ngbe9g7q
			بيتك	xn--ngbe9e00a
			بيتك	xn--ngbe59aoe
			بيتك	xn--ngbe89ake
Pontificium Consilium de Communicationibus Socialibus (PCCS) (Pontifical Council for Social Communication)	كاتوليک	xn--mgbi4ecexp	كاتوليک	xn--mgbi4ecex93g
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep197cfa
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep197cma
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep69be8v
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep69bka1v
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep148cb
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep158cfa
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep00cb6v
			كاتوليک	xn--mgbi9ep10ce

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VeriSign Sarl	كوم	xn--fhbei	كوم	xn--hhbf40a
			كوم	xn--hhbf70a

B. Delegated Chinese gTLDs

Registry Operator	Delegated gTLD (U-Label)	Delegated gTLD (A-Label)	Allocatable gTLD (U-Label)	Allocatable gTLD (A-Label)
Afilias Limited	移动	xn--6frz82g	移動	xn--hhrx42g
Amazon Registry Services, Inc.	亚马逊	xn--jlq480n2rg	亞馬遜	xn--nlqs61nl3f
Beijing RITT-Net Technology Development Co., Ltd	手机	xn--kput3i	手機	xn--kput3p
Binky Moon, LLC	企业	xn--vhquv	企業	xn--hoqz75d
	娱乐	xn--fjq720a	娛樂	xn--ozsy38a
	游戏	xn--unup4y	遊戲	xn--uouy93h
Charleston Road Registry Inc.	谷歌	xn--flw351e	穀歌	xn--flwx23a
China Organizational Name Administration Center	政务	xn--zfr164b	政務	xn--lhrz14b
China United Network Communications Corporation Limited	联通	xn--8y0a063a	聯通	xn--0z0aw43a
CNNIC	网络	xn--io0a7i	網絡	xn--od0alg
Eagle Horizon Limited	集团	xn--3bst00m	集團	xn--ndsv59l
			集糴	xn--g9z124c
Global Website TLD Asia Limited	网站	xn--5tzm5g	網站	xn--5tz61d
Guangzhou YU	广东	xn--xhq521b	廣東	xn--nzt73q

Wei Information Technology Co., Ltd.	新聞	xn--efvy88h	新聞	xn--efvv70d
Internet DotTrademark Organisation Limited	商標	xn--czr694b	商標	xn--czro89b
	餐厅	xn--imr513n	餐廳	xn--3zto70k
Kerry Trading Co. Limited	嘉里	xn--w4rs40l	嘉裏	xn--w4ro59i
			嘉裡	xn--w4r269i
	嘉里大酒店	xn--w4r85el8fhu5dnra	嘉裏大酒店	xn--w4r85el8ff94cl5i
			嘉裡大酒店	xn--w4r85el8fhn5c02i
KNET Co., Ltd.	網址	xn--ses554g	網址	xn--sesp80g
Koninklijke Philips N.V.	飞利浦	xn--kcrx77d1x4a	飛利浦	xn--kcrx77dsx4a
Nawang Heli (Xiamen) Network Service Co., LTD.	购物	xn--g2xx48c	購物	xn--g2xv08c
Nokia Corporation	诺基亚	xn--jlq61u9w7b	諾基亞	xn--nlqy1uo16b
PCCW Enterprises Limited	電訊盈科	xn--fzys8d69uvgm	电讯盈科	xn--wnyo7av7dy20a
Public Interest Registry	机构	xn--nqv7f	機構	xn--f9v5l
	组织机构	xn--nqv7fs00ema	組織機構	xn--f9v5lu79bd5a
RISE VICTORY LIMITED	时尚	xn--9et52u	時尚	xn--9et39u
Shangri-La International Hotel Management Limited	香格里拉	xn--5su34j936bgs g	香格裏拉	xn--5su34j1v7afb o
			香格裡拉	xn--5su34jlx7ad8 n
Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited	淡马锡	xn--b4w605ferd	淡馬錫	xn--b4wm90fyoe
TLD REGISTRY LIMITED OY	中文网	xn--fiq228c5hs	中文網	xn--fiq228cl8q
	在线	xn--3ds443g	在線	xn--3ds831g
Tycoon Treasure	我爱你	xn--6qq986b3xl	我愛你	xn--6qq054bcva

Limited				
VeriSign Sarl	点看	xn--3pxu8k	點看	xn--c1yn36f
Zodiac Taurus Limited	网店	xn--hxt814e	網店	xn--hxt650e