



Radix Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy

This Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy (the “SDRP”) is incorporated by reference into the Registration Agreement for domain names registered in all top-level domains (“TLDs”) for which Radix FZC or its wholly-owned subsidiaries (“Radix” or the “Registry”) enter into a Registry Agreement with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”) (hereinafter referred to as the “Radix TLDs”). An SDRP Complaint may be filed against a domain name registered in a Radix TLD during its sunrise period, until 60 days after the applicable sunrise period ends. The Provider for SDRP disputes is the National Arbitration Forum (“NAF” or the “Forum”) (<http://domains.adrforum.com>).

1. Purpose

Domain names in the Radix TLDs can be registered by third parties and by the Registry Operator or reserved from registration by the Registry Operator (“Registry-Reserved Names”). This SDRP describes the process and standards that will be applied to resolve challenges alleging that a domain name has been registered in violation of Radix’s SDRP criteria. This SDRP will not be applied to Registry-Reserved Names in Radix TLDs.

2. Applicable Disputes

A registered domain name in any Radix TLD will be subject to an administrative proceeding upon submission of a complaint that the Sunrise Registration was improper under one or more of the following criteria.

a. Improper Sunrise Registration-Trademarks¹

¹ Applicant Guidebook 4 June 2012, Module 5, Page 8, Article 6.2.4. A dispute under this section also addresses the TLD Criteria from ICANN’s Trademark Clearinghouse Rights Protection Mechanism Requirements [published 30 September 2013], Article 2.3.6 and Article 2.3.1.4. The Forum’s SDRP does not interact with (nor instruct) the Trademark Clearinghouse and is limited to adjudicating disputes over the registration and allocation of domain names during the sunrise period.



A complaint under this section shall be required to show by reasonable evidence that a registered domain name in the TLD does not comply with the provisions of the Registry's Sunrise Program. The complaint must prove one or more of the following elements:

- i. at the time that the challenged domain name was registered, the registrant did not hold a trademark registration of national effect (or regional effect) or the trademark had not been court-validated or protected by statute or treaty;
- ii. the domain name is not an Identical Match² to the mark on which the registrant based its Sunrise registration³
- iii. the trademark registration on which the registrant based its Sunrise registration is not of national effect (or regional effect) or the trademark had not been court-validated or protected by statute or treaty; or
- iv. the trademark registration on which the domain name registrant based its Sunrise registration did not issue on or before the date specified by the Registry in its Sunrise Criteria, if one was specified.

b. SDRP Effective Dates.

- i. Parties participating in an auction may bring an SDRP complaint prior to the auction if necessary. The Auction will be suspended pending the resolution of the SDRP if, the complainant notifies the Registry within the five (5) calendar days following the complainant's receipt of notification of auction regarding the relevant domain name(s). Such notice must be in writing. The SDRP complaint shall be filed with NAF within five (5) calendar days of the written notice.
- ii. Once an auction is concluded, any participant in the auction may bring an SDRP complaint only within the 60 day time frame after the close of the applicable sunrise period.
- iii. If a third party has a complaint about any trademark holder's ability to obtain or maintain the Sunrise Registration, based on the criteria set forth above, such claims must be brought within 60 days after the close of the applicable sunrise period.

² Identical Match as defined by ICANN and / or the TMCH

³ For the purposes of analysis of this element, neither the gTLD itself, nor the "dot," shall be considered.



3. Evidence and Defenses

a. Evidence

Panelists will review the Registry's Sunrise Criteria, allocation requirements, or community-based eligibility requirements which are required to be submitted with the Complaint, as applicable, in making its decision.

b. Defenses

Harmless error. A Respondent may produce evidence to show that, although the sunrise registration was granted based on submission of the wrong documents, or documents containing an error, the true and correct evidence existed at the time the sunrise registration was applied for and, thus, the registration would have been granted.

4. Remedies

Unless otherwise specified in this Policy, the remedies available to a complainant for a proceeding under this SDRP shall be limited to:

a. Improper Sunrise Registration

i. SDRP complaint brought by a third-party: If the Panelist finds that the domain name was improperly registered during the Sunrise period, the sole remedy for a Complaint filed under SDRP 2(a) shall be cancellation of the registration and return of the cancelled domain name to the pool of available names available for registration in the Radix TLD. If the complainant independently qualifies to register the domain name, either as a regular or defensive/blocking registrant, such application may be made to the Registry, or registrar, as applicable.

ii. SDRP complaint brought by an auction bidder prior to the auction: In the event an SDRP dispute is brought by an auction bidder prior to the auction for the same domain name(s), the auction will be suspended until the dispute is resolved.

iii. SDRP dispute brought by an auction bidder after the auction: Once an auction is concluded, if an SDRP complaint is brought and the losing bidder prevails, the auction



price to the losing bidder will be the amount of the last bid made by that bidder. The Registry is not obligated to refund either the prevailing or the non-prevailing parties' sunrise application fee as a result of the resolution of any dispute.

5. Procedure

a. Dispute Resolution Provider / Selection of Procedure

A Complaint under this SDRP shall be submitted to the Forum by submitting the complaint directly to the Forum. The Forum will administer the proceeding and select a qualified and eligible Panelist ("Panelist"). The Forum has established Rules for National Arbitration Forum's Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy ("Rules"), setting forth a fee schedule and other technical and process requirements for handling a dispute under this SDRP. The proceedings under this SDRP will be conducted according to this SDRP and the applicable Rules of the Forum (currently available at <http://domains.adrforum.com/resource.aspx?id=1923>) which are incorporated here by reference.

b. Registry's or Registrar's Involvement

Neither the Registry nor registrar will participate in the administration or conduct of any proceeding before a Panelist. In any event, neither the Registry nor the registrar is or will be liable as a result of any decisions rendered by the Panelist. Any sunrise-registered domain names in the Radix TLDs involved in a SDRP proceeding will be locked against transfer to another domain name holder or another registrar during the course of a proceeding.⁴The contact details of the holder of a registered domain name in the TLD, against which a complaint has been filed, will be as shown in the registrar's publicly available Whois database record for the relevant registrant. The Registry and the applicable registrar will comply with any Panelist decision and make all appropriate changes to the status of the domain name registration(s) in their Whois databases.

c. Parties

The registrant of a registered domain name in the TLD shall be promptly notified by the Forum of the commencement of a dispute under this SDRP, and may contest the allegations of the

⁴A Registry may, though its agreement with registrars, instead require the registrar to perform the lock and/or implementation steps.



complaint or show other cause why the remedy requested in the complaint should not be granted in accordance with this SDRP. In all cases, the burden of proof shall be on the complainant, and default or other failure of the holder of the registered domain name shall not constitute an admission to any allegation of the complaint. The Forum shall promptly notify all named parties in the dispute, as well as the registrar and the Registry of any decision made by a Panelist.

d. Decisions

(i) The Panelist may state the basis on which the decision is issued in summary format and may include such commentary or guidance as the Panelist deems appropriate;

(ii) For a complaint filed by an auction participant prior to the auction in accordance with the applicable sections of this Policy, the Panelist shall recommend whether the aforementioned auction should, or should not proceed.

(iii) The decision shall state whether a registered domain name in the TLD is to be cancelled or the status quo maintained; and

(iv) Decisions made under this SDRP will be publicly published by the Forum on its website.

e. Implementation of a Lock and the Decision

If a Panelist's decision requires a change to the status of a registered domain name, the Registry⁵ will wait ten (10) business days after communication of the decision before implementing that decision, unless the registrant submits to the Registry (with a copy to the Forum) during that ten (10) day period official documentation (such as a copy of a complaint, file-stamped by the clerk of the court) that the registrant has commenced a lawsuit to preserve its claimed rights in a court of competent jurisdiction over the parties and the registered domain name. If such documentation is received no further action shall be taken until the Registry receives (i) evidence satisfactory to the Registry of an agreed resolution between the parties; (ii) evidence satisfactory to Registry that registrant's lawsuit has been dismissed or withdrawn; or (iii) a copy of an order from such court dismissing such lawsuit or otherwise directing disposition of the registered domain name.

⁵A Registry may, though its agreement with registrars, instead require the registrar to perform the lock and implementation steps.



f. Representations and Warranties

Parties to a dispute under this SDRP shall warrant that all factual allegations made in the course thereof are true and correct to the best of their knowledge, shall remain subject to all representations and warranties made in the course of registration of a disputed domain name.

6. Maintaining the Status Quo

During a proceeding under the SDRP, the registered domain name shall be locked against transfers between registrants and/or registrars and against deletion by registrants.

7. Indemnification / Hold Harmless

The parties shall hold the registrar, the Registry, the Forum, and the Panelist harmless from any claim arising from operation of the SDRP. Neither party may name the registrar, the Registry, the Forum, or the Panelist as a party or otherwise include the registrar, the Registry, the Forum, or the Panelist in any judicial proceeding relating to the dispute or the administration of the SDRP policy. The parties shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the registrar, the Registry, the Forum, the Panelist and their respective employees, contractors, agents and service providers from any claim arising from the conduct or result of a proceeding under this SDRP. Neither the registrar, the Registry, Forum, the Panelist and their respective employees, contractors, agents and service providers shall be liable to a party for any act or omission in connection with any administrative proceeding under this SDRP or the corresponding Rules. The complainant shall be directly and solely liable to the registrant in the event the complaint is granted in circumstances where the registrant is lawfully entitled to registration and use of the registered domain name(s) in the TLD.

8. Relation to Other Dispute Resolution Policies

This SDRP is in addition to and complementary with the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“UDRP”), the Uniform Rapid Suspension System (“URS”) and any charter, nexus, or eligibility dispute policies adopted by ICANN or the Registry.

9. Effect of Other Proceedings

The administrative proceeding under the SDRP shall not prevent either party from submitting a dispute concerning the registered domain name(s) in the RadixTLD to concurrent administrative proceedings or to a court of competent jurisdiction for independent resolution



during a pending SDRP administrative proceeding or after such proceeding is concluded. Upon notice of such other proceeding, the SDRP proceeding may be terminated (in the sole discretion of the Panelist) in deference to the outcome of such other proceeding.

10. SDRP Modifications

Radix reserves the right to modify this SDRP at any time subject to the terms of its MoU with the Forum. Such revised SDRP shall be posted on the Forum Website at least thirty (30) calendar days before it becomes effective;⁶ unless this SDRP has already been invoked by the submission of a complaint, in which event the version of the SDRP in effect at the time it was invoked will apply until the dispute is concluded. In the event that registrant objects to a change in this SDRP, the sole remedy is to cancel the registration, provided that registrant will not be entitled to a refund of any fees paid in connection with such registration.

⁶ The Forum may correct typographical errors without notice.