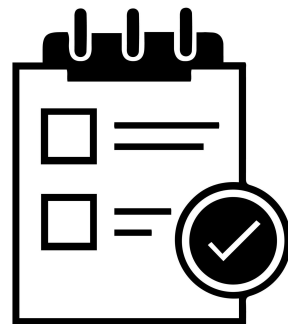


Agenda

1. Introduction (5min)
2. **Presentation on Theme 1 by GNSO** (15min incl. Q&A)
Background on the timeline for Verification Requirement
3. **Presentation on Theme 2 by GNSO** (15min incl. Q&A)
Understanding the problem space
4. **Discussion on Theme 3** (10min incl. Q&A)
Considerations around how new contract obligations arise



Background on the timeline for Verification Requirement

Background on 15-day verification requirement in RAA

RAA

Added as part of the 2013 RAA updates, among a number of other changes and enhancements

RDDS

Contained within the RDDS Accuracy Program Spec

15 Days

Verification is mandated within 15 days of registering a new domain, transferring a domain, or updating the registrant's name or email address.

Obligation

If no affirmative response is received from the RNH, the registrar must manually confirm info or suspend the domain.

Understanding the problem space

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FINAL
ISSUE
REPORT

INFERMAL
STUDY

“Research on Gap: The INFERMAL study found that some tested registrars did not fully perform syntactic checks on contact info, and operational validation (e.g., ensuring a phone number works) was sometimes lacking. Additionally, the requirement for registrars to verify contact info (e.g., email) after registration allows up to 15 days for the registrant to respond, which an attacker can exploit to carry out abuse before the verification deadline. **The INFERMAL study results suggest that proactive or timely (e.g., during or prior to registration) verification can reduce DNS abuse by a significant amount based on the test dataset and method.**”

Registrar research on this issue

TUCOWS RESEARCH

When is verification completed?

- **48%** were verified on the **same day** they were registered
- **25%** were verified **within the 15 day** period
- **25%** were **suspended on day 15** for failing to verify
- **2%** were suspended on day 15 and then completed the verification after

**This excludes domains that used already-verified data*

When is verification completed for domains used for DNS Abuse?

- **82%** used registration data that was **already verified** on a prior domain
- **14%** of used new registration data and **completed the verification right away** (or were not TLDs requiring verification)
- **2%** were **suspended due to incomplete verification**
- **2%** were flagged for payment fraud

More info: <https://opensrs.com/blog/does-whois-verification-timing-affect-dns-abuse-rates/>

Registrar research on this issue

NAMECHEAP RESEARCH

Analysis of **5,350,455 domains** registered between April 26, 2025 to April 26, 2026

- **98.14%** of domains suspended for DNS Abuse had already passed email verification
- **69 days** median time from registration to abuse suspension
- **74.57%** of abusive domains were older than 15 days at time of suspension
- **84.62%** of domains suspended for failed email verification had no abuse involvement
- **1.86%** of abuse-related suspensions involved both abuse and failed verification
- **1.57%** of total registrations were flagged for abuse

More info: <https://www.namecheap.com/blog/icann86-verification-debate/>

DNS ABUSE MITIGATION ISSUES

The DNSA Small Team recommendations and Council discussions (in 2025) considered several factors and the DNS Abuse mitigation lifecycle, including:

- ✓ the importance and impact of a topic across stakeholder groups and constituencies,
- ✓ the likelihood of achieving consensus,
- ✓ the feasibility and scope,
- ✓ and the potential impact on reducing DNS Abuse at scale.

Based on those factors (and the priorities shared by the SG/Cs including GAC via GAC advice) the Council initiated two PDPs.

Considerations around how new obligations arise

Considerations around how new contract obligations arise

POLICY DEVELOPMENT



Decisions Reached: 2 PDPs on DNSAM initiated - directly aligns with topics in GAC Advice from ICANN83 Communiqué



Progress: PDP1 (ADC) making good progress. PDP2 (API) to start when time is right.



Capacity: The GNSO is typically at capacity when there are 3 and at most 4 active projects, depending upon scope of project. Currently at 3 (LD PDP, DNS Abuse PDP 1, SSAD SRT).



Prioritization: GNSO Council Working on a prioritization mechanism to determine next project when capacity is available.



PDP: Focus on consensus, considers all aspects of issue and impact of policy, the ICANN way


Considerations around how new contract obligations arise

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

 **Requesters:** ICANN CEO or RrSG Chair can request

 **Limitations:** Cannot modify Consensus Policy; Cannot propose modifications more than once every 12 months

 **Process:** Bilateral negotiations (at least 90 days, unless faster)

 **Approval:** Proposed Revisions (updated) - subject to registrar and ICANN Board approval, Registrar approval - affirmative approval of Applicable Registrars accounting for 90% of total names under mgmt