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GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation

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DNS Abuse Mitigation Requirements: Enforcement Outcomes

From **5 April 2024** through **5 August 2026**, ICANN Contractual Compliance:

- Initiated **over 650 investigations** into compliance with DNS Abuse mitigation obligations. Of the more than **570 resolved**:
 - About **66%** resulted in action to **stop** the DNS Abuse, and **8%** to **disrupt** it.
 - In **21%** of cases, the contracted party found **no actionable evidence**, explained its conclusion, and provided evidence.
- Issued **eight Notices of Breach** and **terminated one** registrar's accreditation for failing to meet DNS Abuse mitigation requirements.
- Completed [one registry audit](#) and is concluding **another focused on registrars** with the highest concentrations of reported DNS Abuse over a 13-month period.

DNS Abuse Mitigation Requirements: Remediations

Beyond individual domain names: addressing broader patterns of noncompliance
[Learn more](#) about our approach and see [an example](#) of remediation in practice

What are remediation plans?

- Targeted actions to **address root causes of compliance** issues that impact users, registrants, systems, or processes beyond the specific case.
- Aim to **prevent recurrence** of noncompliance.
- Applied at both **informal and formal stages** of the compliance process.

Key points:

- From 5 April 2024 through 5 August 2026, **over 70** remediation plans were implemented related to DNS Abuse mitigation requirements.
- **Recurrence** of a remediated issue **triggers expedited** compliance **action**.

DNS Abuse Mitigation Requirements: Formal Enforcement

From 5 April 2024 through 5 August 2026, ICANN Contractual Compliance:

- Issued **eight** formal **Notices of Breach** related to DNS Abuse obligations.
 - Issued a **ninth** Notice of Breach to a registrar that did not appropriately investigate reports involving thousands of domains allegedly used for investment and cryptocurrency scams (“other types of abuse”).
- Issued a [Notice of Termination](#) to a registrar that, despite multiple Notices of Breach, failed to cure violations involving:
 - Failure to take prompt and appropriate mitigation action against well-evidenced DNS Abuse.
 - Failure to take reasonable and prompt steps to investigate and respond appropriately to abuse reports.

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