

GAC Early Warning – Submittal Halal-IN-60793

Application ID:	1-2131-60793
Entity/Applicant Name:	Asia Green IT System Bilgisayar San. ve Tic. Ltd. Sti.
String:	Halal
Early Warning Issue Date:	20 November 2012

Early Warning Description – This will be posted publicly:

India is a secular country with a large Muslim population. Use or this extension is likely to impact upon section of the community unless there are stringent checks and balance with a strong anti-abuse policy.

Further, there are specific restrictions on the certification of food items as “Halal.” There is no certainty that the applicant will conform to the rules and regulations regarding this type of food item in India.

Reason/Rationale for the Warning – This will be posted publicly:

India is a secular country and the grant of this extension has to be proceeded with stringent pre-verification. The term halal is associated with Muslim community and carries with it a lot of sensibility.

The capture of such a term online needs to ensure that sufficient check and balance are put in place to prevent its misuse. Unrestricted use of the extension is likely to increase the possibility of hurting religious sentiments leading to the social unrest. Also as per the Indian Trade Mark Law any term likely to hurt religions susceptibilities of any class or section of the citizens of India should not be registered the trade mark.

In addition, the designation of food as “Halal” must conform to strict regulations and rules that govern this area in India. The applicant must demonstrate how they will conform to such rules, and must submit an undertaking that only verified registrants with documentation determining that they are certified to carry Halal food will be allowed to register names.

Therefore pre verifications along with required anti abuse policy must be put in place before this gTLD extension is granted.

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Possible Remediation steps for Applicant – This will be posted publicly:

1. The designation of food as “Halal” must conform to strict regulations and rules that govern this area in India. The applicant must demonstrate how they will conform to such rules, and must submit an undertaking that only verified registrants with documentation determining that they are certified to carry Halal food will be allowed to register names.
2. Clear rules as to takedowns of names should they not conform to the verification must be shown
3. At the same time, this name should not be restricted to just Muslims, or to just registrants from predominantly Muslim countries
4. Finally, to address the needs of developing nations, the applicant must demonstrate that their gTLD will not disadvantage registrants from developing countries due to economic reasons, or render unable to register names due to cost factors.

Further Notes from GAC Member(s) (Optional) – This will be posted publicly:

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

About GAC Early Warning

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Instructions if you receive the Early Warning

ICANN strongly encourages you work with relevant parties as soon as possible to address the concerns voiced in the GAC Early Warning.

Asking questions about your GAC Early Warning

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Continuing with your application

If you choose to continue with the application, then the “Applicant’s Response” section below should be completed. In this section, you should notify the GAC of intended actions, including the expected completion date. This completed form should then be sent to gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org. If your remediation steps involve submitting requests for changes to your application, see the change request process at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/customer-service/change-requests>.

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For questions please contact: gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org

Applicant Response: