

**Application ID:**

1-1624-75239

**Entity/Applicant Name:**

Delta Orchard, LLC

**String:**

.sarl

**Early Warning Issue Date:**

**20 November 2012**

**Early Warning Description:**

The Benin Government wishes to underline that the term “.sarl” refers to a specific legal form of companies under Benin law

**Reason/Rationale for the Warning:**

SARL is an acronym which means *Société Anonyme à Responsabilité Limitée* in many countries including France. SARL is a legal form of company. A SARL is a company the liability of which is limited to the contributions of its shareholders. In France, only companies registered as *Société Anonyme à Responsabilité Limitée* have the right to use the acronym SARL.

To enhance the protection against any misuse or misinterpretation of “.sarl” as part of a domain name, France suggests an implementation of the following terms as a safeguard:

- Applicants for SLD under “.sarl” have to be companies which are already organized as *Société Anonyme à responsabilité limitée* according to the regulation in Luxembourg and France; or they should be able to prove that such a registration is pending in at least one of these countries.

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- Applicants for SLD under “.sarl” have to prove that they are subject to liability as a SARL by providing a full set of valid documents from their respective jurisdiction.

### **Possible Remediation:**

### **Further Notes from GAC (Optional):**

### **Instructions for Applicant**

**ICANN strongly encourages that the applicant work with relevant parties as soon as possible to address the concern voiced in the GAC Early Warning.**

Upon receipt of this GAC Early Warning, the applicant has 21 calendar days to inform the GAC and ICANN, through the TLD Application System (TAS), of its decision to either withdraw or continue with the application. If the applicant does not notify the GAC and ICANN within 21 days of receiving the GAC Early Warning of its decision. The application will not move forward with the evaluation process.

#### **Asking questions about your GAC EW**

If you have questions or need clarification about your GAC Early Warning, please contact {TBD}. As highlighted above, ICANN strongly encourages applicant's to contact {TBD} as soon as practical to ensure you are able to move to the next steps within the 21 day allotted time period.

#### **Continuing with your application**

If the applicant chooses to continue then they must complete the “Applicant’s Response” section below notifying the GAC of intended actions, including the expected completion date, and remit their response

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to *{need to define where this will be sent}* within 21 days. Separately, the applicant must indicate in TAS its intention to continue with their application.

To complete these tasks the applicant must perform the following steps:

1. Log into TAS
2. Open the GAC Early Warning task
3. Click on the “Continue” button
4. Separately, submit the GAC EW with the completed “Applicant Response” section to *{TBD }*

### **Withdrawing your application**

Applicants choosing to withdraw must notify ICANN and the GAC within the 21-day window to be eligible for a refund of 80% of the evaluation fee (USD 148,000).

To receive the 80% refund, within 21-days the applicant must perform the following steps:

1. Log into TAS
2. Open the GAC Early Warning task
3. Click on the “Withdraw” button

**For questions please contact: [gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org](mailto:gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org)**

**Applicant Response:**

## **Applicant Decision**

**Remediate**

**Withdraw Application**

**Proceed With Application**