

Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: Ben Sobel

Date: 24 February 2017

Re: Request No. 20170125-1

Thank you for your Request for Information dated 25 January 2017 (the "Request"), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP). For reference, a copy of your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

Items Requested

Your Request seeks the following two sets of documents:

1. Any and all correspondence or documentation related to the initial delegation of .pr, the country-code top level domain (ccTLD) for Puerto Rico.
2. Any and all correspondence or documentation related to any and all redelegations – including successful and unsuccessful requests for redelegation – of the following ccTLDs: .ag, .bb, .bz, .bs, .dm, .do, .gd, .gy, .jm, .kn, .lc, .sr, .tt and .vc, submitted during the time that these ccTLDs were managed by the University of Puerto Rico.

Response

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), in its role as the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Functions Operator, is responsible for overall coordination of the Internet's domain name and IP address systems. ICANN contracts with the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) to perform the IANA functions. Among other things, PTI, in its performance of the naming-related IANA function, receives requests for the delegation and redelegation of country-code top-level domains (ccTLD) in accordance with the policies and procedures documented at <http://www.iana.org/domains/root>. A detailed description of the required process for the delegation and redelegation of ccTLDs is available at <https://www.iana.org/help/cctld-delegation>.

Your Request seeks 1) all correspondence or documentation related to the initial delegation of .pr, the ccTLD for Puerto Rico and 2) all correspondence or documentation related to any and all redelegations of the following ccTLDs: .ag, .bb, .bz, .bs, .dm, .do, .gd, .gy, .jm, .kn, .lc, .sr, .tt and .vc. Where appropriate, the ICANN (or its contractor, PTI) publishes reports on the assignment and re-assignment of top-level domains,

among others, at <https://www.iana.org/reports>. The following reports that are responsive to your Request have been published:

- Report on the Redlegation of the .bb top-level domain to the “Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development’s Telecommunications Unit (<http://www.iana.org/reports/2007/bb-report-20nov2007.html>)
- Report on the Redlegation of the .dm top-level domain (<http://www.iana.org/reports/2007/dm-report-31jul2007.html>)
- Report on the Redlegation of the .GD top-level domain (<http://www.iana.org/reports/2006/gd-report-24jul2006.html>)
- Report on the Redlegation of the .KN top-level domain to the “Ministry of Finance, Sustainable Development, Information and Technology (<https://www.iana.org/reports/2008/kn-report-29apr2008.html>)

Additionally, ICANN has published the Minutes for Special Meeting of the ICANN Board of Directors on 14 August 2007 and 30 April 2008 which pertain to the redelegation of the .dm and .kn ccTLDs, at <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/minutes-2007-08-14-en>, <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/minutes-2008-04-30-en>, respectively.

If a ccTLD was delegated or redelegated prior to ICANN’s performance of the IANA functions, ICANN typically will not have documentary information related to those delegations/redelegations. ICANN is not in possession of documentation for the following delegations/redelegations as requested here because they were delegated/redelegated prior to ICANN’s performance of the IANA functions: .ag, .bs, .bz, .do, .gy, .jm, .lc, .sr, .tt, .vc, and .pr as requested here.

As a standard of practice, there is an expectation from ccTLD Operators that correspondence related to delegation or redelegation requests are maintained as confidential. Thus, to the extent that there is correspondence relating to the delegation/redelegation of the ccTLDs identified in your Request, they are not appropriate for disclosure. Moreover, such documents are also subject to the following DIDP Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure and are therefore not appropriate for public disclosure:

- Information provided by or to a government or international organization, or any form of recitation of such information, in the expectation that the information will be kept confidential and/or would or likely would materially prejudice ICANN’s relationship with that party.
- Internal information that, if disclosed, would or would be likely to compromise the integrity of ICANN’s deliberative and decision-making process by inhibiting the

candid exchange of ideas and communications, including internal documents, memoranda, and other similar communications to or from ICANN Directors, ICANN Directors' Advisors, ICANN staff, ICANN consultants, ICANN contractors, and ICANN agents.

- Information exchanged, prepared for, or derived from the deliberative and decision-making process between ICANN, its constituents, and/or other entities with which ICANN cooperates that, if disclosed, would or would be likely to compromise the integrity of the deliberative and decision-making process between and among ICANN, its constituents, and/or other entities with which ICANN cooperates by inhibiting the candid exchange of ideas and communications.
- Information that relates in any way to the security and stability of the Internet, including the operation of the L Root or any changes, modifications, or additions to the root zone.

Notwithstanding the applicable Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure identified in this Response, ICANN also evaluated the documents subject to these conditions to determine if the public interest in disclosing them outweighs the harm that may be caused by such disclosure. ICANN has determined that there are no circumstances for which the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the harm that may be caused by the requested disclosure.

About DIDP

ICANN's DIDP is limited to requests for documentary information already in existence within ICANN that is not publicly available. In addition, the DIDP sets forth Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure. To review a copy of the DIDP, please see <http://www.icann.org/en/about/transparency/didp>. ICANN makes every effort to be as responsive as possible to the entirety of your Request. As part of its accountability and transparency commitments, ICANN continually strives to provide as much information to the community as is reasonable. We encourage you to sign up for an account at ICANN.org, through which you can receive daily updates regarding postings to the portions of ICANN's website that are of interest. We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to didp@icann.org.