

Date: 20 August 2020

ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .metlife

On 01 May 2020, MetLife Services and Solutions, LLC notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .metlife Registry Agreement entered into on 07 May 2015. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org consulted with MetLife Services and Solutions, LLC to assess whether to transition operation of the .metlife top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 18 June 2020, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .metlife TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

1. .metlife qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 18 July 2020, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org will proceed to terminate the .metlife Registry Agreement by 28 October 2020.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org may not delegate the TLD to a successor registry operator for a period of two years without Registry Operator's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

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