



Date: 25 January 2019

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 25 October 2018, Zadco Company [notified ICANN](#) of its intent to terminate the .zippo Registry Agreement entered into on 02 July 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 consulted with Zadco Company to assess whether to transition operation of the .zippo top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 11 December 2018, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .zippo TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 10 January 2019, 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 will proceed to terminate the .zippo Registry Agreement by 23 April 2019.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN 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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