



Date: 8 November 2018

ICANN Preliminary Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .BOND Top-Level Domain

On 27 September 2018, Bond University Limited [notified ICANN](#) of its intent to terminate the .BOND Registry Agreement entered into on 05 June 2014. 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, ICANN consulted with Bond University Limited to assess whether to transition operation of the .BOND top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN has made a preliminary determination that operation of the .BOND TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN's review and determinations regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement.

ICANN's preliminary determination to not transition the TLD to a successor Registry Operator is based on ICANN's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. ICANN previously approved the [.BOND TLD Code of Conduct Exemption Request](#) after concluding that application of the Code of Conduct was not necessary to protect the public interest as domains would be registered exclusively to the Registry Operator or its affiliates.

Furthermore, in its request for termination of .BOND Registry Agreement, the Registry Operator attested that all domain name registrations have at all times been registered to and maintained by the Registry Operator or its affiliates for their exclusive use and Registry Operator has not at any time sold, distributed, or transferred control or use of any registrations in the .bond TLD to any third party that is not an affiliate.

Before releasing its final determination, ICANN will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org. The deadline to submit input is 8 December 2018 – 23:59 UTC.

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