

## WHOIS Policy

### 1. WHOIS services

Registry Operator is required to collect and provide Domain Name registration information (“WHOIS data”) for a variety of purposes. WHOIS services are provided by Registry Operator’s back-end provider Afilias. It is intended as a publically available lookup system.

### 2. WHOIS-access

#### 2.1. Domain Registration Information

2.1.1. Registrars may provide an input form on their public websites through which a visitor is able to perform WHOIS queries. Registry Operator can also provide a web-based search on its website or an WHOIS interface for registrars. Whois-queries are sent to and processed by the whois-Server of the Registry Operator and results are returned by the server and displayed in the visitor’s web browser or sent to the interface

2.1.2. Visitors are required to enter the exact Domain Name for which WHOIS information is required in the input form.

2.1.3. The output for domain records generally consists of the elements described in Specification 4 of the Registry Agreement as published at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/agreements/agreement-approved-09jan14-en.htm>

#### 2.2. Security and Stability

Registry operator will provide appropriate security measures to prevent abuse of WHOIS data. Appropriate security measures may be, including but not limited to:

- using a captcha code;
- using an automated rate-limiting system;
- disabling bulk access to WHOIS data (except if necessary because of ICANN regulations)
- IP address whitelisting

#### 2.3. Terms of Use

Access to WHOIS information is provided to assist persons in determining the contents of a domain name registration record in the registry database. The data in a WHOIS record is provided by Afilias for informational purposes only, and neither Afilias nor Registry Operator guarantee its accuracy. This service is intended only for query-based access. The visitor agrees that he will use this data only for lawful purposes and that, under no circumstances will he use this data to:

(a) allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission by e-mail, telephone, or facsimile of mass unsolicited, commercial advertising or solicitations to entities other than the data recipient's own existing customers; or

(b) enable high volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the systems of Registry Operator, a Registrar or Afiliás except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations; or

(c) data mining of any sort.

**2.4.** All rights reserved. Registry Operator reserves the right to modify these terms at any time. By submitting a query, you agree to abide by this policy.

**3. Searchable WHOIS**

Afiliás provides a searchable WHOIS service offering partial match capabilities to authorized users. Access to searchable WHOIS service is only granted to authorized users with a legitimate purpose for searching registration data (e.g. to comply with applicable laws, requests of law enforcement). Searchable WHOIS will be made available to authorized users via an internal data warehouse.