



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. John Horton
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RE: CLARIFICATION REGARDING REGISTRAR SUSPENSION AUTHORITY

Dear Mr. Horton:

Thank you for writing the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) seeking clarification as to whether and when a registrar may suspend a domain name if presented with proof of illegality or violation of the registrar's terms of service.

Nothing in the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) prohibits a registrar from suspending a domain name if under the applicable laws or in accordance with terms of the registration agreement the registrar deems such suspension is appropriate. In such circumstances, the registrar does not need a court order or a UDRP decision directing it to suspend a domain name. Registrars are, of course, encouraged to seek legal advice to ensure that the language in their registration agreements regarding domain name suspensions does not conflict with any RAA provisions, ICANN policies or applicable laws.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this clarification. It is ICANN's aim to minimize community confusion regarding the terms of the RAA and common registrar registration practices. Feel free to share this letter with any ICANN-accredited registrars that have questions regarding their authority to suspend a domain name that is being used for an illegal purpose.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide clarification regarding this important matter. Let me know if ICANN can be of further assistance to you. I can be reached via e-mail at stacy.burnete@icann.org or via telephone at (202) 570-7128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacy Burnette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacy Burnette
Director,
Contractual Compliance