



Date: 25 January 2019

ICANN Final Determination

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

On 28 September 2018, Deutsche Post AG [notified ICANN](#) of its intent to terminate the .epost Registry Agreement entered into on 23 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 Deutsche Post AG to assess whether to transition operation of the .epost top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 07 December 2018, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .epost TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

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

On 06 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 .epost Registry Agreement by 27 March 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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