

IDN Sub-committee.

The IDN Sub-committee met in London on 18th December. Following lengthy debate we unanimously agreed a compromise based on the introduction of IDN over two phased sunrise periods, as follows..

Sunrise 1

During a first Sunrise period nobody except the owner of an existing domain will be allowed to register any diacritical variant of that name.

The Sunrise period will last for a predetermined period.

Sunrise 2

During a second sunrise period nobody except the owner of an existing domain will be allowed to register any “non-welsh” diacritical variant of that name.

This Sunrise period will be reviewed no later than 12 months from the end of Sunrise 1. Factors to be considered in the review will be any phishing policy then in force, experience of Sunrise 1 and possible public consultation.

During any period when different registrants cannot register diacritical variants or non-welsh diacritical variants of a name, neither can names be transferred except as a package. During Sunrise 1 this applies to all variants. During Sunrise 2 this applies only to non-welsh diacritical variants.