

Proposed DRS default transfer process

We are proposing that in undefended DRS cases, the complainant should have the right to a transfer of the domain name registration on payment of a fee of £200 (plus VAT).
Please read our consultation paper for full details of this proposed default transfer process and then answer the questions below.

This document contains respondents between 40 and 40 inclusive.

1. What do you think about our proposal for a default transfer process?

- I agree with the proposal
- I don't mind one way or the other
- I disagree with the proposal

2. Please give your reasons for why you feel this way about the proposal

I agree in principle, having experienced the frustration of trying to get control of an unused domain that includes one of my company's trade marks, but the registrant simply didn't respond to any correspondence from either myself or Nominet (and we believe they are still at the recorded address) - £750 is a sizeable sum to pay in the hope of a favourable decision. However, I also know how easy it is for mail to go astray in a large company so can see the downside to the proposal. I think all correspondence on the matter should be sent both to a recorded e-mail address AND by registered post as a minimum. The correspondence should be marked to ensure the level of importance is clearly recognisable, and the response deadline similarly (this latter should not be too short). £200 transfer fee for a non-response is a little high, and I would prefer to see no higher than £100.

I also feel there should be an 'appeal' stage: if a domain is transferred when it should not have been, due to a genuine reason for non-response, then there should be an opportunity (say within a period of one year from transfer date) for the former registrant to appeal the decision at minimal cost.

3. Please give us your contact details

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