

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 120 and 120 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 have many reasons for objecting, among them are the following:

- 1.Nominet has admitted that the reason it stated for this rule change was in fact false. There being no underlying justification, the suggested change should be withdrawn.
- 2.A complaint may arrive to a default condition for any number of reasons that have nothing to do with whether or not the complaint is valid or whether or not a legitimate defense exists. Unintentional defaults may exist, as but one example, from a failure of communications - Email is often blocked by multi-levels of spam controls, some residing in the email host itself, and registrants do go on vacation.
- 3.In a default scenario, the respondent's legitimate rights should be protected by having the matter reviewed by competent panelists to ensure that the complainant has in fact made out its case. To allow this to be made by staff administrators is simply unacceptable. This is all the more true given the revenues generated by the additional filing fee and the monopolistic nature of the registry system.
- 4.The entire procedural process heavily favors a complainant. While a complainant has as long as desired to prepare a complaint, the respondent has a very limited time in which to mount a defense. Extensions are rarely provided.
- 5.The need to have complaints separately assessed for validity by an independent and qualified panelist provides a modicum of protection to unsuspecting respondents.

3. Please give us your contact details

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