

## Lock State Working Group Charter

### WORKING GROUP NAME

Lock States for Domains Working Group

### WG CHAIR

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### DESCRIPTION OF WORKING GROUP

Currently Nominet provides two primary routes by which domain name data on the register can be amended - by the tag-holder, and by the registrant. The Lock State Working Group will develop proposals for the Policy Advisory Board in relation to increasing the Registrant's control over the amendment of data in the registry. The study will cover means of authentication of requests and will also cover the enhancement of Registry systems to avoid accidental amendment by Registry staff.

The Group will:

1. Identify and document requirements for empowerment of Registrants or restriction of tag-holders within the current Nominet contractual framework, and requirements for additional authentication mechanisms.
2. Propose outline solutions/Policies to improve the situations identified in 1.
3. Evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the PAB on the need for and urgency of such changes.

The Group will not produce detailed solutions or implementation plans in line with the PAB's remit of Policy advice.

### COMPOSITION OF GROUP

Whilst open to all interested parties the group should ideally contain:

An IP lawyer  
A Trade Mark expert  
A member of the DRS panel.  
A member of Nominet technical Staff  
An expert on security and encryption

### CONSULTATION

The group will informally consult as it sees fit. It will be the responsibility of the PAB to determine if the Group's proposals should go to wider consultation.

### GOALS AND MILESTONES

The group will provide progress reports to each PAB and a final report no later than four months from the start of the Working Group.  
i.e:

1st August 2004 - Working Group Starts

September 20th - Draft outlining issues identified in (1) above

November 21st - Proposals as per (2) above

(These dates assume PAB meetings on August 4th and October 6th.)