

STATUS REPORT on PAB & CoM ISSUES & ACTIONS

Aug03/1

The PAB recommended that when a successful DRS challenge is made against a registration, the expert should have the option that the domain name should be put in a state where it is registered neither to the complainant nor to the original registrant, and its use be blocked until expiry of the original registration, as if the domain name had been suspended, or for such longer period as the expert shall specify.

25 September 2003 Board meeting:

The board was concerned that the ... recommendation would effectively be creating a new type of registration. Issues arise about who should pay for such a 'blocked' registration and how abuse might be avoided. ... The board discussed some alternatives and concluded that the issue should be included in the planned review of the DRS as a whole.

Status: Issue discussed at experts' meeting in October 2003 and as the proposal strictly related to the .me.uk SLD, it is in the papers for the .me.uk Review Consultation, which runs concurrently with the DRS review. The consultation closed on 19th July but analysis of result has not yet been done.

Oct03/1

Automaton Template Changes

The PAB resolved to accept the interface changes described in Section 3.1 of the paper (headed 'Tidying contact details').

Executive team requested to implement.

Status: Not yet implemented, as this is an interim step needed before we implement EPP that has not yet been put into production.

Feb04/1

DRS consultation and review

The PAB considered the paper presented by the CoM, and recommended that the CoM should put it out for consultation. The PAB further recommended that Nominet's Data Protection Policies should be applied consistently including publication of DRS judgments, and that the issue of defamation in DRS judgments should be considered by the Council of Management.

Status: Completed and the document is out for consultation, which closed on 19 July. Emily Taylor will bear in mind the PAB's concerns.

Feb04/2

Review of Registrant Terms and Conditions

The PAB considered the paper presented by the CoM, and recommended that the CoM should put it out for consultation subject to the following amendments:

1. *The PAB recommends that the CoM should reconsider its proposals under Section 2.2 of the paper marked “should the registrant cease to exist”, and instead the CoM should allow legal successors of registrants who have died or otherwise ceased to exist, within the period of registration, to execute a valid transfer form in respect of a domain name, together with the appropriate fee; further, that Nominet will not otherwise deal with such successors unless and until such a valid transfer form has been executed and the appropriate fee paid;*
2. *The PAB recommends, with respect to Section 2.3 of the paper, that the only criterion to make a name “correct” under the terms in the current document should be that it is both good for contact, and that it is not deceptive; further that the term “correct” should not be used as it is misleading; and*
3. *The PAB recommends that the CoM should address the issue of revocation of security codes in its consultation, and the possibly incorrect assumption that it is always Nominet that issues the security code;*

Status: Now out for consultation and the consultation paper was amended in the light of the PAB’s concerns. The consultation closes on 4 August.

Feb04/3

Automaton date restrictions

The PAB considered the paper presented by the CoM, and recommended that it should be implemented subject to the following amendments:

1. *Under Section 3.2, “seven days” should be changed to “three days”; and*
2. *Under Section 3.1, the new field should become mandatory on an aggressive timescale without further reference to the PAB.*

Status: Built into the work programme.

Apr04/2

The PAB resolved to confirm its policy that Nominet should support secure DNS protocols subject to the above constraint.

Status: Support for this in .uk SLDs is pending resolution of the protocol standards to prevent zone walking. Support for the .uk zone will be reviewed with other TLDs and ICANN/IANA, and is still being discussed internationally.

Apr04/3

The PAB resolved to recommend to the Council of Management that it should urgently enter a dialog with the IETF and DNSSEC working groups highlighting the problems of the enumeration of zonefiles using DNSSEC, and work with other bodies such as RIPE and CENTR to do the same.

Status: Done. Presentations have been given to IETF, CENTR, ICANN ccTLD group and Nominet will participate in the first DNSSEC Consortium meeting in July.

Apr04/4

*The PAB **resolved** to recommend to the Council of Management that it investigate anti-abuse mechanisms (including but not limited to implementation of only a subset of DNSSEC) to minimise the impact of enumeration of zonefiles using DNSSEC should the current proposals for the DNSSEC protocol remain unchanged.*

Status: Proposals have been made to the IETF Working group and others. Discussions continue.

Apr04/5

*The PAB **resolved** to ask the Council of Management to provide a status report on its Governance Review.*

Status: Due for October PAB

Apr04/6

*The PAB, noting that it did not believe there are currently general problems in the enforcement of the tag-holder agreement, **resolved** to ask the Council of Management whether or not making the tag-holder agreement more specific would aid its enforcement.*

Status: Board agreed. Built into the work programme. Status report will be provided at October PAB meeting.

Apr04/7

*The PAB **resolved** to recommend that the Council of Management clarify the procedure for making complaints about a tag-holder's alleged non-compliance with the tag-holder agreement, and also to ensure that tag-holders' obligations under the agreement are successfully communicated to tag-holders.*

Status: Built into the work programme. Status report will be provided at October PAB meeting.

Apr04/8

*and **resolved** to request that the Council of Management expedite the redrafting of the me.uk rules and the associated consultation process.*

Status: Pending closure of the .me.uk consultation on 23 August.