

FOR DISCUSSION, PAB MEETING, 7TH APRIL 2004

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SUBJECT: screw.me.uk and similar ME.UK registrations that some stakeholders/members find offensive.

The specific rules for ME.UK registrations are:

2. Charter

The .me.uk SLD is intended to provide a personal namespace within the .uk Top Level Domain. It is anticipated that registrants will be natural persons who have an association with the UK.

3. Abusive registrations

There shall, without exclusion, be a sufficient demonstration of an abusive registration if the registrant is not a natural person and cannot demonstrate that they registered the domain name with the agreement at the time of a specific natural person and that the domain name was a reasonably faithful representation of that person's legal name.

THE PROBLEM

There has been much discussion on nom-steer both recently and previously about registrations in the ME.UK SLD (Second Level Domain).

The current debate was with reference to registrations like: screw.me.uk, and F***.me.uk and whether these breached Terms & Conditions for registration within the ME.UK SLD. The side issue was one of obscenity and/or offence and whether Nominet had any duty/responsibility to 'police' such registrations.

The question

I would like the opinions/comments of the **appointed representatives** in particular because I feel that members sometimes get cocooned within our own industry and forget we are actually supposed to be doing all this in the "interests of the UK internet community".

For the record www.screw.me.uk is in the public domain. It is an ADULT WebSite, that can easily be accessed by children.

The question therefore is:

Does Nominet have a responsibility or duty of care (to the internet community) in respect of such domain name registrations?