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Please give us your feedback on these proposals by answering the following questions:

What domains should we release?

This document contains respondents between 57 and 57 inclusive.

Do you agree that two letter domain names should be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

- Yes
- No

Please give comments

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- No

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Do you agree that existing country codes under ISO 3166-1 such as fr, de, es, us etc be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

Yes

No

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We outlined the technical reasons why com.co.uk, org.co.uk and net.co.uk should not be released. Do you agree with these exceptions?

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Do you agree that existing generic top level domains (e.g. biz, info) should be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

Yes

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Do you agree that existing .uk second level domains (e.g. co, org, ac, me, ltd) should also be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk?

Yes

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Do you agree that “uk” should continue to be reserved from registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

Yes

No

Comments

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We propose to take the same approach for two letter, one character and the other previously unreleased domains (e.g. pro.co.uk). Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes

No

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The PAB recommended a two stage release process: a first round for holders of registered trademarks, and a second round for names not taken by rights holders, open to holders of unregistered rights. Do you agree with this recommendation?

Yes

No

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The PAB recommended a cut off date for qualifying rights for IP rights holders. They suggested 1996 and 2002 as possible dates. What do you think would be a suitable cut off date?

Both dates are wrong. The Internet did not start on either date but in the 1980's with Network Solutions. They probably have Registered Rights in most of the domain's proposed. So it should be a date prior to that say 1955.

Please give comments

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We propose that initially commercial organisations should have priority in.co.uk and charities and not for profit organisations should have priority in org.uk. Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

No

We propose to hold a sealed bid auction for domain names where rights holders are competing, and for domain names not taken up by rights holders. Do you think there is a fairer way to allocate the first registration of these domain names?

Yes

No

Please give comments

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We propose to hold a Dutch auction for the general release (“landrush”) of domains not taken up by rights holders. Do you think there is a fairer way to allocate the first registration of these domain names?

Yes

No

Please give comments, particularly in relation to the starting price for any Dutch auction.

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Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the proposed release of these domain names?

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