

## Have your say!

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

What domains should we release?

This document contains respondents between 47 and 47 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**

except for ISO 3166-1 country codes

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

- Yes
- No

**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

**Please give comments**

I believe that the search suffix issues that affect the release of 'com', 'org' and 'net' are just as significant for several ccTLDs (e.g. 'br', 'in', etc).

One might consider setting a threshold of query volumes (per Appendix 3) below which the problem is considered "insignificant".

However in my opinion any such threshold would by definition be arbitrary, hence the restriction should apply to all ISO recognised country codes.

**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?**

- Yes
- No

**Please give comments**

I also believe that 'arpa' should continue to be reserved, as it's a critical name within the operating infrastructure of the internet.

In particular DNS lookups within '.arpa' are often used as part of the security tests within applications (i.e. are the forward and reverse records consistent). Search-suffix issues could cause erroneous operation of these security tests.

**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
- No

**Please give comments**

I don't believe those should be released, and furthermore any existing gTLD clashes (e.g. info.co.uk) should be reserved if the existing .uk registration lapses.

I recognise however that the future predicted large growth in gTLDs may cause issues if that policy was universally applied.

**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
- No

**Please give comments**

Yes, but only if they're not existing ccTLD or gTLD labels. I've seen no evidence to suggest that the search suffix issue extends to those labels.

**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

**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

**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

**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

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

We plan to run this whole exercise on a cost recovery basis, and any surplus funds generated from auctions would be donated to Nominet Trust, a charitable organisation established by Nominet with the objects including the education, relief of financial hardship and protection of children in the area of the Internet and information technology. Do you agree with this approach?

- Yes
- No

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