

## 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 128 and 128 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**

We believe that the justification for keeping the 2-letter combinations free is no longer relevant. Other registries have already released 2-letter combinations (e.g. .de) without adverse effect. There is also a clear demand amongst the business community for these domains.

**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**

We do not believe releasing existing country codes (e.g. .fr.co.uk) would lead to consumer confusion. Internet users would not assume the holder of fr.co.uk to be connected with the operator of the .fr registry.

**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

**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

**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

**What process should we use for releasing domains?**

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

### Please give comments

Given the difficulties of registering purely 2-letter trademarks (absent any other word/logo element), holders of unregistered marks with a reputation would be unfairly prejudiced by opening the 1st round to registered trademark holders only. Therefore, our recommendation would be for the first round to be aimed at registered trademark holders and holders of unregistered rights with a reputation (satisfied by filing a witness statement containing evidence of the reputation).

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?

January 1st 2010

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

Open English-style auction.

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.

Open English-style auction, starting bid £200.

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

### Comments

Provided that details of trust and it's work should be posted on Nominet's site.

### 12. Please give us your contact details

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