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Registration Policy for .SS Domain Names

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1.PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to describe the rules for the allocation of names within the .SS domain and its sub-domains.

2.TERMS

2.1 The rules given here apply to all requests for names in the .SS domain and all sub- domains of .SS except where differing rules exist for a sub-domain. The rules for a sub- domain shall incorporate all the rules in this document along with such additional rules that are required.

2.2 By applying to register one or more .SS domain names (the ".ss Domain name(s)") with an accredited registrar in the .ss ccTLD (hereinafter referred to as an "Application") or by using one or more .ss Domain name(s), the Registrant acknowledges that it has read and agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of this Policy as well as the following documents, policies, and agreements which are incorporated into this Policy by this reference and which shall hereinafter (together with this Policy be referred to as the ".ssNIC ccTLD Policies":

- ssNIC Terms &

  Conditions

- ssNIC Sunrise Policy

- ssNIC Billing Policy

- ssNIC Alternative Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy

- ssNIC WHOIS and Privacy Policy

Other ssNIC ccTLD rules or policies that are now, or may in the future, be published by the Registry.

2.3 The .SS ccTLD Policies apply to all domains and sub-level domains which end in the suffix .SS and explain the rights and obligations between the Registry and the Registrant. Those

parts of the ssNIC Policies which are not part of the text of this Policy are incorporated into this Policy by this reference. The Registry may accept the Application by facilitating registration and resolution of the .SS Domain names(s); such acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred at the Registry principal place of business in South Sudan.

4. GENERAL RULES OF .SS DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION.

The following requirements apply to the registration and management of the .SS Domain Names.

4.1 All .SS Domain Names MUST have a minimum of THREE (3) characters.

4.2 All .SS Domain Names should not have more than 63 characters.

4.3 All .SS Domain Names should have a syntax pattern of [a-z 0-9].

4.4 The Registrant is solely responsible for the selection of the domain name(s) and possible violations of any third parties' rights in connection with the selection and registration of the domain name, and is liable for the costs of such violations.

4.5 Domain Names may be registered /renewed for a minimum period of ONE (1) year.

4.6 Registrar/Registrant contact information must conform to ssNIC ccTLD WHOIS Policy.

4.7 Registrants are allowed to transfer .SS domains to registrar of their choice. Registrants should contact their registrar of choice to learn about transfer procedures.

4.8 There shall be at least two nameservers for the domain (with addresses specified in the request) operating at the time the request is submitted. There is no requirement for the nameserver to be physically located in South Sudan. There is no restriction on the IP address of these nameservers.

4.9 Registration of Reserved and Restricted ssNIC domain names will not be allowed

5. MANDATORY RULES FOR DOMAINS REGISTRATION

5.1 An applicant may reside in any legal jurisdiction

5.2 All second level names used by the Registry are banned from being used as third level names. e.g. com.com.ss would be banned as it is a second level name.

5.3 All top level domains are banned from being used as third level names. e.g. net.org.ss and org.com.ss are not allowed.

6. DOMAIN PRICING

6.1 ssNIC domain registration/renewal /transfer pricing to be determined by the Registry and revised at the frequency agreed by the Board.

6.2 Registration Fee. The registrant shall pay to an accredited registrar the appropriate registration fee ("Registration Fee") applicable the time the Registrant submit its application to accredited registrar.

7. WHOIS INFORMATION

7.1 It outlines the purpose of functionality of whois, shall apply to the domain names in .ssNIC ccTLD and registry must comply to the ICANN standards guidelines in providing whois service.

7.2 The whois service is intended among other things to allow people to ascertain identity of parties involved, contact information thereof and technical details in respect to individual domain names, including important dates. The purpose should amongst other things be the following;

7.2.1 To assist with troubleshooting, development of the internet and operational stability.

7.2.2 To determine the availability of the domain names, combat fraud, identify trademark infringements and enhance accountability of domain name registrants.

7.3 Each registrar must ensure that throughout registration, domain name information is kept accurate and up-to-date in the whois service and that it complies with ssNIC ccTLD's whois policy.

8. SUSPENSIONS, RESTORATION & DELETION OF .SS DOMAINS

8.1 Registered .SS Domains will receive a Renewal fee Invoice three months to the Expiry Date. Email Reminders will be sent to Billing and Administrative Contact before and on the Due Date. If payment is not received within 14 days after expiry, the domain will be suspended.

8.2 .SS Domain names that have not been paid for within the set Billing Cycle will be Suspended but maintained in the database for an additional 180 days. If a domain is not reclaimed within this period, the domain is released back into the pool for re-registration.

8.3 Upon request, deleted domains may be restored by the Registry provided they have not been re-registered.

8.4 A Registry may cancel or delete a registration:

8.4.1 If the Registrant does not comply with an .ssNIC ccTLD policies;

8.4.2 Upon request by a Registrant;

8.4.3 As a result of applicable breach of contract, ADR decision or order of court; or

8.4.4 On any other ground which is consistent with the applicable ssNIC regulations, policies and procedures and the South Sudan laws.

8.5 The Registry must give a Registrant a prior notice of not less than 5 working days about the pending cancellation or deletion, where the cancellation or deletion is not a result of a dispute resolution process or is not initiated by the Registrant, provided that the Registry may give a shorter notice if this is in the interests of stability and security of .SS or the Domain Name System.

8.6 Where a Registrant makes a cancellation or deletion request, a Registry may voluntarily suspend a registration for a period of up to thirty (30) days following the expiry of the pending deletion phase, and notify the Registrant of the suspension. The party requesting a cancellation or deletion may withdraw the cancellation or deletion request at any time during the grace period.

9. DOMAIN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

9.1 ssNIC has an Alternate Domain Dispute Resolution (ADRP) Policy that is designed to help registrars and registrants settle disputes regarding any .SS Domains.

9.2 Information or details on the process of dispute resolution can be found in the ADRP.

10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

10.1 Domain Name registration is intended to protect intellectual property and other rights of registrants. Any dispute over a registered SLD intellectual property rights or other grounds covered in the .ssNIC ADRP must be resolved through the .ssnIC ADR process, and is subject to the applicable South Sudan Law.

10.2 A Registrant may not register a Domain Name where through such registration; the Registrant would knowingly violate the intellectual property rights or other rights of other parties in terms of applicable law, and indemnifies ssNIC from any claims relating to any rights violation brought against the Registrant.

103 By applying for and registering a .SS Domain Name a Registrant is deemed to be warranting that the Registrant is entitled to apply for, register and use the Domain Name and that such registration or use does not knowingly violate the intellectual property rights of any other party.

11. RESERVED, BLOCKED NAMES, AND APPROPRIATE USE

12.1 A reserved name is a name that is not, and may not be, registered a domain name. Names may be reserved to enhance the stability and security of the DNS, and to preserve the public nature of well-known or widely-used names over which no- one holds and no-one should hold intellectual property rights.

12.2 For any domain name, a blocked name is a name that is considered to be offensive on the basis of race, colour, religion, sex, gender or any other grounds that are in the public interest.

12.3 No .SS domain may be used, directly or indirectly, for any purpose that is sexual or pornographic or that is against the statutory laws of any Nation. In the event of the Registry being advised by any party that a specific site breaches this condition then the Registry reserves the right to immediately deactivate the offending registration.

12.4 A name identified as offensive, but that is already registered as a Domain Name, may be deleted in accordance with ssNIC registration policy.

12. AMENDMENTS

In view of emerging international best practices in the registration, management and regulation of Domain Names and activities related to Domain Names, ssNIC on its sole discretion has the right to amend this Policy or sections thereof from time to time, and may develop additional policies covering specific issues.

13. COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENTS, POLICIES, STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

ssNIC is responsible for determining overall, general policy and strategic direction of .SS including basic technical and operational standards. ssNIC must ensure, in accrediting or appointing Registrars for .SS ccTLD domain names, that the Registrars undertake to comply with the .SS ccTLD Registration Policy and with any applicable .SS ccTLD policies, standards and regulations, and any amendments thereto that ssNIC may introduce from time to time.