



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Dear Mrs Thunem,

The mission of ICANN is to coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. ICANN also performs the IANA function.

This letter sets out our understanding at a high level of what we do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for the benefit of the local and global internet community.

The main principle is the principle of subsidiarity, which in this context means that ccTLD policy should be set locally, unless it can be shown that the issue has global impact and needs to be resolved in an international framework. Most of the ccTLD policy issues are local in nature and should therefore be addressed by the local Internet Community, according to national law.

To this end, ICANN:

- a) Maintains a stable, secure, and authoritative publicly available database of relevant information about ccTLDs, including .no, the country code Top Level Domain for Norway, in accordance with ICANN publicly available policies and procedures. This Authoritative Root Database shall contain information for the public authoritative name servers in respect of .no, contact information for UNINETT Norid AS as the registry for .no, the designated administrative contact(s), and the designated technical contact(s) as notified by UNINETT Norid AS to ICANN;
- b) implements on notification by UNINETT Norid AS changes to contact information for UNINETT Norid AS, change of contacts or changes to contact information for the designated administrative and technical contacts for .no and changes to the domain name or IP address (es) of the name servers for .no as recorded in the Authoritative Root Data for .no in the Authoritative Root Database according to ICANN's publicly available policies and procedures. The initial format and technical requirements shall be mutually agreed upon. We will formally notify you of any future changes to these policies and procedures;

- c) publishes data maintained in the Authoritative Root Database about ccTLDs including .no which shall include at least the names of UNINETT Norid AS as the .no ccTLD registry, the administrative contact(s), the technical contact(s), and the domain names and IP addresses of the authoritative name servers for .no;
- d) coordinates the Authoritative Root Server System so that it is operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner; and causes the Authoritative Root Server System to publish accurate DNS resource records delegating the Top Level Domain .no to the name servers recorded in the Authoritative Root Database. "Accurate" means "will correspond to information provided by or changes made at the request of the ccTLD Registry";
- e) maintains authoritative records and an audit trail regarding changes to delegations and records related thereto with respect to ccTLDs including .no, and informs UNINETT Norid AS of the status of a requested change related to .no in accordance with our publicly available policies, procedures and format as mutually agreed upon;
- f) ensures that changes to the Authoritative Root Database are made in a timely manner, on the basis of reliable authentication procedures confirming the authority and identity of the requesting party and informs the named administrative contact(s) and technical contact(s) of .no in a timely manner of any changes to the Authoritative Root Database for .no; and
- g) notifies ccTLDs including UNINETT Norid AS, of any changes to our contact information no later than seven days after the change becomes effective.

It is the intention of both parties that this exchange of letters will not form the basis for any claim for any legal or equitable relief, give rise to a binding contract or create reliance on the part of either party. Nothing contained in this letter shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise, by either one of us to the other.

We look forward to continuing working together and hope for a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely



Dr Paul Twomey
President and Chief Executive Officer