



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .orientexpress

On 2 January 2017 Orient Express notified ICANN of its intent to terminate the .orientexpress Registry Agreement entered into on 5 February 2015. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN consulted with Orient Express to assess whether to transition operation of the .orientexpress top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 9 February 2017 ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .orientexpress TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- Orient Express, in its function as the Registry Operator has represented to ICANN that it does not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in the .orientexpress TLD to third parties.
- Registry Operator has represented to ICANN that it holds intellectual property rights for the name "orientexpress".
- Only one domain name is registered in the .orientexpress TLD and it is mandated by the Registry Agreement (nic.orientexpress).
- Transitioning operation of the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

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On 11 March 2017 after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN will proceed to terminate the .orientexpress Registry Agreement by 30 June 2017.

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