

Domain Name Registration and Use Policy for “.SPIEGEL”

I. General principles

1. Purpose

The “.SPIEGEL” Top Level Domain (“TLD”) is established by and for the use of SPIEGEL-Verlag Rudolf Augstein GmbH & Co. KG (“Spiegel”). Spiegel will, with the advice and assistance of the Registry Service Provider KSregistry GmbH and relevant governmental bodies, develop, maintain and enforce effective TLD management strategies to manage the “.SPIEGEL” space.

This Policy is intended to be updated and revised regularly to reflect the needs of Spiegel.

The registration of domain names within the “.SPIEGEL” TLD shall be restricted to Spiegel itself, thus following a single-registrant model. Spiegel may, in its sole discretion, elect to license the use of the domain name registrations within this space to affiliated entities, *inter alia*, affiliated companies or journalists.

2. Registration Policy

As indicated above, the “.SPIEGEL” space will follow a single-registrant model. Thus, Spiegel shall be the only entity eligible to register domain names within the “.SPIEGEL” TLD.

II. Domain Allocation Rules

3. String Requirements

Registry Operator, via Registry Service Provider, will not accept a Registration unless the applied-for Domain Name meets the applicable requirements as defined under the Registry Agreement, Specifications 5 and 6, including the following technical and syntax requirements. The Domain Name Label must:

- if ASCII, consist exclusively of the letters A-Z, the numbers 0-9, and hyphens;
- if non-ASCII (e.g., IDN), consist of language scripts offered by the Registry
- not exceed 63 characters;

- contains at least one character; and
- not contain hyphens in the third and fourth position, except if they represent valid internationalized domain names in their ASCII encoding, namely where two consecutive hyphens (-) are used in the 3rd and 4th positions, when preceded by "xn" and followed by a label that corresponds with an IDN containing characters referred to above.

4. Reserved Names

Registry Operator may reserve, and not allow the Registration of any labels which appear or are referenced by the Schedule of Reserved Names set forth in Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement.

However, Spiegel may propose the release of any reservations, in compliance with applicable processes established by or in accordance with ICANN policies or procedures (if applicable).

5. Name Collisions

If any “.SPIEGEL” domain name is identified by ICANN as a potential name collision risk, pursuant to the Registry Operator’s rights and responsibilities under the Registry Agreement, Specification 6, § 6, the Registry Operator reserves the right to take all necessary and proper steps to resolve the conflict, including the blocking of any affected domain name.

III. Registration and Licensing Rules

6. Registration period and renewals

A “.SPIEGEL” domain name may be registered, and renewed at the end of each registration period, subject to the current terms and conditions offered by the concerned Registrar.

7. Licensing of domain name registrations

Spiegel may, in its sole discretion, elect to license the use of domain name registrations within the “.SPIEGEL” space to affiliated entities, such as affiliated companies or journalists. In all cases, however, Spiegel will remain the registrant of record for all domain name registrations within the TLD, and shall retain the authority to modify or terminate such registrations at any time via the concerned registrar.

IV. Acceptable Usage Guidelines for “.SPIEGEL” Domain Names

8. Acceptable Use

The “.SPIEGEL” space is intended to function as Spiegel’s online corporate branding platform, and as such the registrations therein should support the goals and mission of the organization.

Spiegel intends that no domain name in the “.SPIEGEL” space shall be used in a manner which:

- infringes any other third parties rights
- is in breach with any applicable laws, government rules or requirements

or for the purposes of:

- undertaking any illegal or fraudulent actions, including spam or phishing activities, or
- defaming Spiegel or its businesses, affiliates, employees, etc.

Registry Operator is committed to ensure that registrants of a letter/letter two-character ASCII label will not misrepresent or falsely imply that the registrant or its business is affiliated with a government or country-code manager if such affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement does not exist.

The Legal Department of Spiegel will monitor the use of all domain names registered in the “.SPIEGEL” space to ensure that the content displayed thereon is in the best interests of the company and its business endeavors. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions set out in this Registration and Use Policy may result in the immediate cancellation, transfer, deletion or suspension of a registered “.SPIEGEL” domain. The Registry Operator reserves the right to make any necessary changes to a domain name registration in the event of breach of the provisions herein established.

9. Dispute Resolution

The Registry Operator for “.SPIEGEL” will comply with all dispute resolution mechanisms as defined in the Registry Agreement Specification 7 article 2, and as revised from time to time by ICANN consensus policies and procedures. Registrants of “.SPIEGEL” domain names hereby agree to be bound by all applicable domain name dispute policies, as outlined in this Registration and Use Policy.

These dispute mechanisms include, but are not limited to:

- the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (“PDDRP”);
- the Uniform Rapid Suspension system (“URS”); and
- the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“UDRP”).