

# EFFECTIVE AS OF AUGUST 15, 2015

## **.LAT DOMAIN NAMES GENERAL POLICY**

Effective as of January 30, 2015.

The domain name registration under the gTLD .LAT, is delegated to Federación de Latinoamérica y el Caribe para Internet y el Comercio Electrónico (herein referred to as Registry) by IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority), function currently performed by ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers), in accordance to the principles contained in RFC 1591 .

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## **1. DEFINITIONS.**

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Any person vested of power, faculties and/or sufficient jurisdiction to exercise the role of command, aimed at achieving compliance with issues related to these policies, procedures and its modifications or replacements, as well as any arbitrator, organism or arbitration panel before whom the parties have submitted in response to the policies and the procedures described here.

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Domain name key, necessary for a transfer process.

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Acronyms used to refer to the Domain Name System (Domain Names System) and/or Domain Name Server in an interchangeable manner. The Domain Name System is a distributed computer system that provides for all the Internet correspondences (resolutions) between domain names and Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. The Domain Name Server refers to the computer equipment as part of the Domain Name System and that hosts the information and processes for establishing correspondences (resolutions) between names and IP addresses.

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Represents a common identifier to a group of computers or devices connected to the network. They are a simple form of an Internet address designed to allow users to easily locate a site on the Internet. For purposes of this policy, the only Domain Names referenced, will be the Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) .LAT.

### **1.7. .LAT Guidelines.**

Refers jointly to all Policies, Manuals, Business Rules, processes and released procedures, as well as any other document issued by the Registry published in the Registry's Website.

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Contact associated to a Domain Name, which is the holder and responsible of such Domain Name. It is recommended that the appointed Registrant be the end user (either an individual or a corporation) of the Domain Name.

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An individual or a corporation, accredited by both ICANN and the Registry to distribute and provide administration services of Domain Names.

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It's the Registrar accredited by the Registry who is responsible for managing .LAT Domain Names.

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#### **1.12. Registry's Website.**

[www.nic.lat](http://www.nic.lat)

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System database used for searching domain names and their primary data, which can be accessed publicly through the Registry's Website. Useful tool to check and verify the holdership of a Domain Name.

## **2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

The petitioner, the Registrant and the Contacts of a Domain Name manifest that they know and accept the .LAT Guidelines, procedures, regulations and annexes related to the Domain Name service, including its registration, modification, suspension, cancellation, transfer and disputes.

The Registry is simply managing the .LAT TLD on the Internet, and therefore, any consequences resulting from the registration and/or use of the Domain Names that constitute or may constitute violations to the applicable law, it is sole responsibility of the Registrant of the Domain Name.

Any change or update to these Policies and derived from it, will be published with a notice with at least 15 (fifteen) Days immediately preceding its effective date, on the Registry's Website, so that the Registrar, the Registrant and/or the Contacts could manifest what suits their interest. As from the effective date, the Registrar, the Registrant and the Contacts of the Domain Name will be bound under these new policies, without requiring that the Registry perform any other publication or notice.

All the communication will be in Spanish; however the Registry can reply to messages originally written in a language other than Spanish if deemed necessary.

The Registry may register, modify, renew, delete, transfer and/or suspend a Domain Name by a resolution issued by authorities with jurisdiction. Also, the Registry reserves the right to deny the



registration of any of the domain names included on the list of reserved .LAT Domain Names, according to .LAT Reserved Names Policy which are published on the Registry's Website.

### **3. BASIC DOMAIN NAMES OPERATIONS.**

In the Registry, the Registrars may perform the following basic operations of Domain Names:

- Registration.
- Modification.
- Renewal.
- Deletion.
- Transfer.
- Restore.

The Registrar of a Domain Name is the only one authorized to perform any of the above operations with the Registry, as long as the status of the Domain Name allows it. If the Registrant and/or the Contacts of a Domain Name wish to perform any of these operations, they must request this service through the Registrar, who will provide it to the Registrant and/or the Contacts of the Domain Names they manage.

Regarding the foregoing, in order to carry out these basic operations, the Registrar must ensure to have the authorization of the Registrant, whenever necessary.

The Registrar, the Registrant and the Contacts accept and acknowledge that it is their obligation to keep their personal information and the information of the Domain Names to which they relate, up to date in the Registry Database.

The following describes each of the basic operations of the Domain Name:

#### **3.1.Regarding the Domain Names Registration.**

When Registry accepts a request to register a Domain Name, it recognizes the right of the holder (Registrant) to use and enjoy a Domain Name during the period of the paid coverage, understanding that this does not grant any ownership rights regarding the Domain Name. The maximum coverage of the Domain Names is published on the Registry's Website.

To register a Domain Name it is mandatory to provide the data that the Registry requires from a Registrant as well as from the three contacts (administrative, technical and billing).

##### **3.1.1. .LAT Domain Name Specifications.**

The total length of the Domain Name, without including the Classification characters, must not exceed sixty-three (63) characters. The valid characters are numbers, letters of the latin alphabet and the hyphen (-) and Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) special characters as described in the next clause. Domain Names must not start nor finish with a hyphen (-) nor have two consecutive hyphens (-) in positions 3 and 4.

##### **3.1.2. Internationalized Domain Names (IDN).**

IDN registration will be provided in Spanish language. Allowed characters are numbers from "0" to "9", hyphen "-", all letters from latin alphabet "a" to "z", and the following special characters from Spanish language: á, é, í, ó, ú, ü, ñ.



When registering a Domain Name there will be an extra availability check for an equivalent Domain Name or variant. Domain registration will not be allowed if the Domain Name is a variant of an existing Domain Name.

Registration of IDNs is subject to .LAT IDN Policy.

### 3.1.3. Reserved .LAT Domain Names.

Under the terms of its Registry Agreement with ICANN, Registry is required to comply with restrictions on registration of the Domain Names set out in Specification 5 - Schedule of Reserved Names from ICANN's Registry Agreement: that can be found in:

<https://www.icann.org/resources/agreement/lat-2014-10-16-en>

Additionally Registry may reserve additional Domain Names at its discretion that will not be available for registration. These Domain Names are specified in the Reserved Domain Names Policy available in .LAT Registry's website.

### 3.1.4. Premium Domain Names.

.LAT Registry may reserve certain Domain Names that would be made available for registration at a premium-level fee, at its sole discretion.

## **3.2.Regarding the Domain Names Modifications.**

Refers to any change or update to the data of a Domain Name.

The allowed modifications to a Domain Name are:

1. Registrant Change.
2. Contacts Change:
  - Administrative,
  - Technical, and/or
  - Billing.
3. Delegation Information (Add, delete or modify DNS).
4. Add or remove statuses that can be managed by the Registrar.
5. Change of the Auth Info.

The Domain Name itself cannot be changed under any circumstances

## **3.3.Regarding the Domain Names Renewals.**

It is the extension of the use of the Domain Name by one or more years of coverage. The maximum coverage period of renewal of a domain name is published on the Registry's Website.

## **3.4.Regarding the Domain Names Deletions and Suspension.**

It is the disablement of the Domain Name to be resolved by the DNS. It occurs when a Registrar deletes a Domain Name through the system within the period of coverage. The Domain Name enters into a Redemption Grace Period of 30 (thirty) Days, where the Registrar of Record can restore the Domain Name to an active status, which is a billable operation.





If the Redemption Grace Period comes to an end without any restore request, the deleted Domain Name will enter into a Pending Delete period for a period of 5 (five) Days. At the end of the Pending Delete period, the Domain Name will be available to be registered again.

The Registry may suspend and/or delete a Domain Name when:

1. Upon authorities with jurisdiction request.
2. The .LAT Registry cannot establish communication with the Registrar related to a Domain Name within the established period of time. In such case the Domain Name may be suspended and/or deleted.
3. The Registrant information and/or the Contacts information, and/or the Domain Name information are not updated or are false.
4. The Registrant and/or the Contacts of the Domain Name do not comply with the .LAT Guidelines.

### **3.5.Regarding the Domain Name Transfers.**

It is the change of the Registrar of Record of a Domain Name, this in accordance to ICANN's Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy, available at: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/text-2012-02-25-en#TransferDomain>

It is necessary to provide to the Registry the Authorization Information of the Domain Name in order to start the transfer request. Likewise, the requesting part, the Registrant and the Contacts acknowledge and agree that by completing the transfer, the Domain Name will be automatically renewed for one more year, or the remaining term in order to reach the maximum coverage of a Domain Name, if it is the case. The granted period for the automatic renewal will never exceed a year.

### **3.6.Regarding the Domain Names Restore.**

It is the recovery made by the Registrar of Record of a Domain Name that is in the Redemption Period. The Domain Name Restore is a billable transaction.

If during the Restore operation the Domain Name passes its expiration date, it will be automatically renewed for one more year by the Registry and the renewal fee will be charged. The corresponding fees shall be communicated to the Registrant by the Registrar.

## **4. DOMAIN NAMES DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND COMPLAINTS.**

The Registrar of Record will be the responsible of receiving and providing solution to the problems that may arise in relation to a Domain Name under its administration.

It is said that there is a Domain Name dispute when a third party considers having a better right than the current Registrant over the holdership of a Domain Name. Registrants of .LAT domain names hereby agree to be bound by all applicable domain name dispute mechanisms. Such dispute mechanisms include:

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The UDRP shall apply to any challenges to registered domain names on the grounds that: 1) such domain names are identical or confusingly similar to a trademark in which the complainant has rights, 2) the Registrant lacks rights or legitimate interests in the domain name, and 3) the domain name has been registered and used in bad faith. The full text of the UDRP is located at the following address: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/policy-2012-02-25-en>



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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Registrant, the Contacts, the Registrar and/or any third party could interject a complaint before the Registry in relation to the Domain Name.

## 5. WHOIS SERVICE.

Registry provides Registration Data Publication Services in the form of WHOIS, in accordance with Specification 4 of ICANN’s Registry Agreement.

WHOIS database is accessible to any user. The information available includes the registered domain name, email address, telephone numbers and postal address of all contacts. The amount of information that is disclosed on the WHOIS database may change from time to time according to ICANN Policy and users are responsible of the accuracy and veracity of displayed information.

By registering a .LAT Domain Name, the Registrar, the Registrant and the Contacts acknowledge and agree the use of their information for the purposes of this service.

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