

GAC Advice Response Form for Applicants



The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has issued advice to the ICANN Board of Directors regarding New gTLD applications. Please see Section IV of the [GAC Singapore Communiqué](#) for the full list of advice on individual strings, categories of strings, and strings that may warrant further GAC consideration.

Respondents should use this form to ensure their responses are appropriately tracked and routed to the ICANN Board for their consideration. Complete this form and submit it as an attachment to the ICANN Customer Service Center via your [CSC Portal](#) with the Subject, “[Application ID] Response to Singapore GAC Advice” (for example “1-111-11111 Response to Singapore GAC Advice”). All GAC Advice Responses to the GAC Singapore Communiqué must be received no later than 23:59:59 UTC on 02-May-2014.

Respondent:

Applicant Name	HOTEL Top-Level-Domain S.à.r.l.
Application ID	1-1032-95136
Applied for TLD (string)	hotel

Response:

HOTEL Top-Level-Domain S.à.r.l. is the only community-based applicant for the .hotel TLD and is being supported by the global hotel community. We would like to comment to the GAC Singapore communiqué as follows:

We encourage ICANN to provide the GAC with specific responses in relation to the concerns listed in the GAC Singapore communiqué.

We would also like to point out that it is against competitive rules to allow applicants to upgrade their applications in order to comply with the GAC requirements.

HOTEL Top-Level-Domain S.à.r.l. would like to again stress that, as a Community Applicant with established and active relationships within the global Hotel Community, it has committed itself in its application to verify and validate registrations under .hotel.

HOTEL Top-Level-Domain S.à.r.l. also again urges ICANN to ensure that any Public Interest Commitments or changes to applications and TLD operations based on Safeguards filed by applicants in Contention Sets are being bindingly implemented and monitored after being approved as Change Request.

We also agree with the GAC Beijing advice that allowing singular and plural versions of the same strings could lead to consumer harm.