

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, Annex I, and Annex II of the [GAC Beijing 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 GAC Advice” (for example “1-111-11111 Response to GAC Advice”). All GAC Advice Responses must be received no later than 23:59:59 UTC on 10-May-2013.

Respondent:

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| Applicant Name | Symantec Corporation |
| Application ID | 1-1027-34295 |
| Applied for TLD (string) | ANTIVIRUS |

Response:

Symantec Corporation (“Symantec”) is a leading global provider of information security and protection, providing security, storage, and systems management solutions to help our customers secure and manage their information and identities. Symantec is committed to fulfilling our core purpose of protecting our customers’ information and identities with full attention to and respect for ethical operation, the environment, and positive societal impact.

In line with our overarching mission, Symantec plans to operate the .ANTIVIRUS gTLD as a trusted, hierarchical, secure, and intuitive namespace to support Symantec’s antivirus software. Symantec will operate .ANTIVIRUS as a closed registry. In doing so, Symantec will conduct all operations within .ANTIVIRUS in line with a strict code of conduct that includes prohibitions against:

- Counterfeiting, piracy, and other forms of intellectual property theft,
- Phishing or other forms of online fraud,
- The distribution of malware or operation of botnets, and
- The provision of incomplete or inaccurate WHOIS information.

In doing so, Symantec will create a safe online space for consumers, free from many of the risks associated with conducting business online.

The Governmental Advisory Committee’s Beijing Communiqué advises that “for strings representing generic terms, exclusive registry access should serve a public interest goal.” In association with this recommendation, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) identifies .ANTIVIRUS as a generic string seeking exclusive registry access.

We hope this quells any concerns that the Board might have associated with the .ANTIVIRUS gTLD. We invite further dialogue with the Board if it has any remaining concerns regarding Symantec’s .ANTIVIRUS application.

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