

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 | Charleston Road Registry Inc. |
| Applicant ID | 1-1681-60225 |
| Applied for TLD (string) | .STORE |

RESPONSE:

Introduction

We thank the ICANN Board for the opportunity to respond to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Advice and for considering the points made in this response. In all, Charleston Road Registry, Inc. (CRR) received advice on 31 of its applied-for strings. This response specifically addresses concerns described in Section IV, Annex I, Category 2.2 – Exclusive Access for CRR’s .STORE application.

We also thank the GAC for the time and effort we know must have gone into the preparation, drafting and issuance of its advice. We recognize the difficult work the GAC undertakes and appreciate the important role the GAC plays within the multi-stakeholder process. We were happy to see the GAC reach consensus on many important issues.

CRR has always been and remains very committed to the security and stability of the domain name system as well as the success of the new generic top-level domain (gTLD) program and it is in that spirit that we submit the following response to the GAC Advice.

CRR's Response to Category 2.2 - Exclusive Access Safeguard Advice for .STORE

CRR notes .STORE is a listed string under the GAC's Category 2.2 Exclusive Access safeguard advice. Our application for .STORE is an open TLD model and not an exclusive access TLD model. Exclusive access model means the TLD is limited to the exclusive use of the applicant whereas our open TLD model means the TLD is open to all ICANN-accredited registrars, and registration of domain names in the TLD will be open to all. Therefore, it is our belief that CRR's application for .STORE is not a member of the GAC's Category 2 - Exclusive Access safeguard advice.

Conclusion

CRR believes its .STORE application does not fall under Category 2 - Exclusive Access safeguard advice. It is our understanding that Category 2 - Exclusive Access safeguard advice addresses GAC concerns around .STORE applications that are limited to the exclusive use of the applicant. As described above, CRR's .STORE application does not meet this definition. Therefore, we respectfully request that CRR's application for .STORE not be considered a member of the GAC's list of applications subject to Category 2 - Exclusive Access safeguard advice.

We would like to thank the Board for its consideration of our response, and we look forward to continuing the dialogue with the Board, the GAC and the ICANN community regarding the new gTLD program.