

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:

Applicant Name	InterNetWire Web-Development GmbH
Application ID	1-1952-21459
Applied for TLD (string)	GMBH

Response:

InternetWire Web-Development GmbH, the applicant for the .gmbh Top Level Domain respectfully submits the following response to the GAC Advice in the GAC Beijing Communiqué:

The applied-for .gmbh Top Level Domain is a corporate identifier, which is why InternetWire Web-Development GmbH had already included various safeguards in its application to ensure that only those Registrants would be eligible to register domain names that are actually allowed to use the "GmbH" acronym. All registrations are validated with the public registers to ensure that eligibility is given. In addition to that, content restrictions have been foreseen to provide for a trustworthy namespace and safe surfing experience for Internet users.

Although these parameters were already in integral part of the application, these factors were made subject of a Public Interest Commitment, from which we quote the following paragraphs:

Eligibility / Validation

The Registry Operator undertakes to adhere to the parameters of the .GMBH Eligibility Policy which specifies that only GmbHs and gGmbHs (the latter being GmbHs serving the public good) whose existence can be validated with the respective public registers in Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Switzerland are eligible registrants. All registrants will be validated as explained in detail in the answers to questions 18a, b and 28.

Content Restrictions

Additionally, the Registry Operator will ensure that unique content and/or added value information about GmbHs or relevant to GmbHs via domain names operated by validated registrants (e.g. register.gmbh or search.gmbh) will be offered, see the answers to question 18a and 28.

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In the answer to question 28, it was already foreseen that the Registry reserves the right to terminate a domain registration if and when the Registrant ceases to be eligible for registration. Post-registration checks can and will also be performed on a random basis and we would be more than happy to work with ICANN to work on concrete approaches for such post-registration checks or adhere to requirements prescribed by ICANN for such measures.

Hence, we do believe to already have addressed those concerns raised by the GAC, that relate to corporate identifiers. As far as the other parameters of the GAC Advice are concerned, we trust that the ICANN Board will appropriately deal with them.