



The Committee for the Review of Offensive Domain Names

1. Introduction

- 1) The Israel Internet Association (RA) functions as the Domain Name registry for the ccTLD .IL.
- 2) Domain name registration is done according to the Domain Name Registration Guidelines¹ (hereinafter "The Guidelines").
- 3) The sphere of domain names under the .IL extension is hierarchal. Domain names are registered at the third level², under the closed list of 8 extensions at the second level, among them two are open to the public:
 - i. .co.il – designated for the private sector.
 - ii. .org.il-designated for the public sector and non-profits.The remaining extensions (.ac.il, .net.il, .idf.il, .gov.il, .muni.il, .k12.il), used for various sectors, are registered under restricted guidelines, or by other organizations.
- 4) Domain names submitted for registration appearing in the form: *example.co.il* belong to the type of domain which is examined by the registry staff to ensure that the domain name conforms to the registration guidelines.

2. Purpose and Scope of Responsibility of the Committee

- 1) Domain name registration guidelines state that under the following conditions domain names will not be registered:

"Domain Names containing obscene words and names incorporating foul language; names that are injurious to public order or to public sensibilities, or names that otherwise do not comply with the laws of the State of Israel" (Clause 8.3).
- 2) The Committee has the authority, regarding requests to register new domain names which have been transferred from the Israel Internet Association for examination from time to time, if there arises any concern regarding the registration of a particular domain on account of Clause 8.3, as stated above.

3. Committee Membership

- 1) Membership to the Committee is voluntary. Members will not be compensated for their membership.
- 2) Committee members are insured by the Israel Internet Association against litigation related to their activity in the Committee.



4. Committee Panel

- 1) The Committee is composed of 4 members, which serve for 3 years.
- 2) Committee members are elected, among them the Chairperson, which serves as the liaison between the Registry and the Committee, and manages the Committee's work.
- 3) The Members of the Committee are:
 - i. Mr. Hank Nussbacher - Chairperson
 - ii. Ms. Yochi Brandes
 - iii. Dr. Iris Soroker
 - iv. Dr. Asaf Wiener

5. The Committee's Modes of Operation

- 1) The Committee is authorized to decide which actions are to be taken and to determine the various guidelines for its work performance.
- 2) The Committee's discussions will transpire online, via a unique mailing list dedicated to the Committee from the Israel Internet Association.
- 3) In the event of a domain name where it has been determined by the Registry Manager that a consultation and discussion by the Committee is required, an email will be sent to the Committee Chairperson, within a list of domain names to be reviewed and decided upon for their potential offensiveness. The Committee will reach a decision within 30 days of receiving the Registry Manager's petition.
- 4) The Committee examines the domain name only for its meaning and content, with no regard for the domain name holder, its intended purpose, or the public's legacy.
- 5) The Committee Chairperson is authorized to enable the requester to provide a counter argument, in writing, prior to making a final decision.
- 6) The Committee Chairperson will supervise the discussion's protocol.
- 7) The Committee's decisions will be received through a majority. A decision to reject a domain name for registration must be based on a majority vote.
- 8) The Committee must explain its decision.
- 9) The Committee's decision will be published on the Israel Internet Association's website, with a nominal explanation – according to the diction to be determined by the Chairperson and the format as shown in Appendix A.

6. Management of a Domain which has not been Approved for Registration

- 1) Any future request for registration of a domain name which has been rejected by the Committee will be automatically rejected by the registration system from the moment of the Committee's decision and hereafter.

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Appendix A – Sample Presentation of the Committee's Decision

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Request No. (Number----)

Regarding use of the string (string-----) in the Domain Name with the extension >IL

Request to register the Domain Name (Domain Name----)

(Date)

(A summary of the Decision as dictated by the Chairperson)

(Chairperson's details)

(Assertions of the Committee Members)

(Summary of the discussion's results)