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1. NOM.ZA Data cleanup Project Plan

1.1 Introduction

NOM.ZA registry administrator intends to perform a data clean up for the NOM.ZA Second Level Domain (SLD).

This is due to that, prior to having the NOM.ZA portal, domain names were registered via e-mail. Records were however not kept on these legacy domains with regard to registrant, administration or technical contacts.

In this regard, the registry aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Free up unused domains
- Associate domains with registrants

1.2 Background

When the NOM.ZA Registry Operator assumed the responsibility for the registry, there was no registry data record showing information such as domain name registrant and registrar contacts details. The result of this leaves 322 domains that don't have owners. Furthermore, out of the 242 domains registered, only 32 still have valid NS records (i.e. the registered Name Servers respond with an authoritative answer).

NOM.ZA is a second-level domain under the .ZA namespace, catering for individuals who wish to register a domain for personal use and do not have the financial means to apply for other domains within the .ZA namespace. NOM.ZA is currently also run with no compensation given to those involved in its upkeep and administration, relying on infrastructure not owned by itself.

It has, since its inception, been a free domain with no charges whatsoever placed on the registrar, with the condition that the domain is purely for personal use and never used for financial gain.

The next section describes the high-level project plan as proposed by ZADNA.

2. The Project Plan (NOM.ZA clean- up plan in phases)

2.1 Phase I General Notice

Notice to nom.za registrants, registrars and general public, including ZADNA members outlining the project plan with timelines. The notice must include a high level project plan, including timeline, contact information. The notice is intended to go out on Monday, 01 June 2020.

2.2 Phase II Launch Plan

NON.ZA creates a Reserved Name list repository for all the existing nom.za domain names. Domain names are reserved so that no one else can register them in the new Registry database. All domain names that are not linked to any registrant are reserved in the RNL. If an individual can prove custodianship of the domain, the individual will be allowed to register an account and attach the domain to the individual's account.

2.3 Phase III

Domain names that have been proven custodianship will be moved to the new registry platform. All other domain names including those that do not have NSs will remain in the legacy system until their respective registrants claim them. The domain names that have no custodianship will be put on hold for two months, from 02 June to 30 July 2020.

2.4 Phase IV

All domain names that are not associated with any registration contact information will be suspended and later removed from the NOM.ZA zone file. Domain names that have not been claimed will be suspended from 1 August 2020 and then deleted on 1 February 2021.

2.5 Phase V Re-launch

Suspended domain names will be deleted from the nom.za zone and made available for new registration in line with the NOM.ZA registration policies.

Registrants can also have "Annual Confirmation" in place, which is a system that allow for clean data in the registry. The registrant needs to confirm registration of the said domain name and allow updates t where necessary, failing which the domain name will be suspended and later, deleted. This is to avoid requesting registrants to utilize the domain name within a period of 30 days. Registrants cannot lose their domain names because they did not use them within 30 days.

Instead, registrants should keep their domain names as long as its contact information is up to date.

3. NOM.ZA Cleanup Project Plan (with time-lines)

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PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	PHASE V
01 June 2020	01 June 2020	2 June to 30 July 2020.	1 August 2020	1 February 2021
←	→	←	→	→
Notice	RNL	Prove custodianship	Suspension	Deletion
Notice sent to nom.za registrants, registrars and the general public including ZADNA Members via ZADNA Mailing list.	NOM.ZA creates a Reserved Name list for all the existing nom.za domain names	custodianship are put on hold for two months	Domain names that have not been claimed are suspended	Suspended domain names are deleted from the zone and made available for new registration