

## **.FREE SUNRISE REGISTRATION POLICY**

Your application for or maintenance of a .FREE Sunrise Domain Name means you accept the terms and conditions of the .FREE Sunrise Registration Policy (“Sunrise Policy”). If you disagree with this Sunrise Policy, you should not apply for a Sunrise Domain Name or should cancel any Sunrise Domain Name that issued under this Sunrise Policy.

### **DEFINITIONS**

This Sunrise Policy contains words and phrases that have specific meanings, which we provide in this section. If we have capitalized a word or phrase in this Sunrise Policy and have not defined it, you can find the definition in the ICANN Trademark Clearinghouse Rights Protection Mechanism, available at <https://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/rpm-requirements-14may14-en.pdf>.

“Domain Name Label” means the set of characters to the left of the dot before a TLD.

“Identical Match” means that the domain name consists of the complete and identical textual elements of a trademark. Identical Match includes: (a) omitting spaces between words in a Trademark Record or replacing them with hyphens; (b) spelling out “and” for & and “at” for @ within a trademark; and (c) omitting other special characters in a trademark that cannot be used in a second-level domain name or replacing them with hyphens.

“Sunrise Domain Name” means a domain name that you apply for and register in the .FREE TLD during the .FREE Sunrise Period.

“Registrar” means an ICANN-accredited registrar that has signed our Registry-Registrar Agreement for the .FREE TLD.

“Trademark Clearinghouse” or “TMCH” means the trademark clearinghouse established by ICANN for the new gTLD program.

“Trademark Holder” means the owner, licensee, or assignee of a trademark.

“Trademark Record” means the complete and correct information about a trademark that has been submitted to and verified for accuracy and completeness by the Trademark Clearinghouse.

“Two-Letter Code” means a letter/letter two-character ASCII label at the second level which corresponds to a two-letter country code as specified in the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 standard.

### **SUNRISE TYPE**

The Sunrise Period is a Start-Date Sunrise and will last for thirty (30) calendar days.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

During the Sunrise Period, you may apply to register a Sunrise Domain Name only if you are a Sunrise-Eligible Rights Holder and you may apply only for a Sunrise Domain Name that is an Identical Match to your Trademark Record. You must submit to a Registrar a valid, TMCH-issued

Signed Mark Data (SMD) file that matches the Domain Name Label in the Sunrise Domain Name for which you want to apply.

You and your applied-for Sunrise Domain Name must meet the Sunrise Eligibility Requirements set by ICANN and described by the TMCH, including those related to activating a Trademark Record, Identical Match definition, and SMD files.

## **.FREE SUNRISE DOMAIN NAME REQUIREMENTS**

Each Sunrise Domain Name must meet the criteria of this Section.

It *must be* at least 1 character; contain only numbers (0-9), letters (a-z), and hyphens, or any combination of these elements; start and end with an alphanumeric character; and comply with any additional rules and policies we have set for the .FREE TLD.

It *must not be* more than 63 characters; start or end with a hyphen; be a Reserved Name as we define those below; and must not include a hyphen in both the third and fourth position unless it represents a valid Internationalized Domain Name in its ASCII encoding.

A valid Internationalized Domain Name must be in a language script that we support.

## **RESERVED NAMES, BLOCKED NAMES, PREMIUM NAMES**

During the Sunrise Period, we may withhold, allocate to ourselves, restrict, or block certain domain names from registration. We will reserve (withhold from registration or allocate to ourselves) names that we must or may reserve under Specification 5 to the .FREE Registry Agreement (“Reserved Names”). We may reserve certain premium names for our later release (after the Sunrise Period) at our sole discretion (“Premium Names”). We may classify certain generic terms as Premium Names and, if we do, those names are not available for registration during the Sunrise Period even if they are also the subject of a Trademark Record. Finally, at our sole discretion, we may block certain names from registration (“Blocked Names”).

## **ALLOCATION**

We will allocate Sunrise Domain Names on a first-come, first-served basis. We will allocate to you the Sunrise Domain Name you applied for under this Sunrise Policy unless (i) the applied-for Sunrise Domain Name is unavailable; (ii) the applied for Sunrise Domain Name does not meet the .FREE Sunrise Domain Name Requirements, (iii) the applied-for Sunrise Domain Name is a Reserved Name, Blocked Name, or Premium Name; or (iv) we suspended Registrar’s ability to submit applications under this Sunrise Policy.

## **ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By applying for a Sunrise Domain Name which consists of a Two-Letter Code, or by asking us to maintain or renew such a Sunrise Domain Name, you represent that you will take steps to ensure against misrepresenting or falsely implying that you or your business or organization is affiliated with the corresponding government or country-code manager, if such affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement does not exist.

You additionally agree to the renewal pricing disclosed by your Registrar at the time of initial registration.

## **SUNRISE DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY**

By applying for a Sunrise Domain Name, you agree to submit to any challenges filed in accordance with our Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy (“SDRP”), which is accessible on our website. Forum Alternative Dispute Resolution (“Forum”) will provide SDRP dispute resolution services in accordance with the SDRP and the SDRP Rules, which are available on Forum’s website (<https://www.adrforum.com/domain-dispute/registry-spec>).

## **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

We may change or revise this Sunrise Policy at any time to meet (i) terms and conditions established by us and/or ICANN; and (ii) applicable laws. Changes or revisions to this Sunrise Policy will be effective immediately after we post them on our website for the .FREE TLD or ICANN posts them on the TLD Startup page of ICANN’s website, whichever occurs later.

We reserve the right to reject an application for a Sunrise Domain Name or to delete, revoke, cancel, suspend or transfer a Sunrise Domain Name (i) to protect the integrity and stability of our operations or the security and stability of the internet; (ii) to correct errors that we or the Registrar made in the registration of a Sunrise Domain Name; (iii) if we are notified that the validity of the SMD file you relied on for the Sunrise Domain Name is disputed; (iv) to enforce ICANN requirements and our policies; (v) that is not supported by accurate and complete information; (vi) to abide by applicable laws, regulations, or policies; any order or decision by a court or administrative authority of competent jurisdiction; or any finding by Forum under the SDRP; (vii) as allowed in the Registrar’s terms and conditions or the Registry-Registrar Agreement between us and Registrar; or (viii) to establish, assert or defend the legal rights of us or a third party or to avoid liability by or damage to us.