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TAG-Domains to Participate in ICANN 63rd International Public Meeting



BARCELONA - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domain Names (TAG-Domains), a subsidiary of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP), will participate in the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) 63rd International Public Meeting, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, October 20 - 25, 2018.

Mr. Mahmoud Lattouf, TAG-Domains Executive Director will participate in ICANN63 along with participants from government, business, civil society, non-government organizations, research and academic institutions and technical communities to join discussions on topics related to Domain Names System so that they can contribute in shaping the future of Domain Names System.

The event will focus on various aspects of ICANN’s work in policy building, the operation of the Domain Name System, and the security and stability of the global Internet.

TAG-Domains’ participation in ICANN events and conferences started July 2000 and since then it has been active in all ICANN events.

In order to schedule a meeting with our representative, please contact us at: info@tag-domains.com

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WELLINGTON - New Zealand's Domain Name Commission announced that it has won a motion for preliminary injunction in a US lawsuit against the company DomainTools.

According to the Commission, this is an important victory for the .nz domain name space and for domain name holders wanting to keep some of their personal details from public view.

Earlier this year, the Domain Name Commission mandated that a privacy option be offered for all .nz domain name holders that are not in trade. This means people can now withhold their address and phone number from publicly appearing in the online registration data search. More than 20,000 domain names have already taken up the privacy option.

DomainTools is a digital

intelligence-gathering company in the US and has been scraping registration data from New Zealand's Domain Name Commission for many years. This mass collection of data breaches the Commission's terms of use and exposes details of domain name holders who choose to have their details kept private. This is because DomainTools makes available historic records which show the now withheld information.

Domain Name Commissioner, Brent Carey, says winning this lawsuit is good news for .nz domain name holders and their privacy.

"The ruling allows the Commission to continue balancing online accountability with respect for individual privacy. The ruling temporarily puts to an end DomainTools' bulk harvesting of .nz domain holders' personal information and selling that data for a profit.

"This is a step in the right direction to ensure that any person or company looking to build a business on domain name data, in violation of our Terms of Use, can't do so," said Carey.

Managers of other countries domain name systems across the world will want to pay attention to the judgment. This may raise confidence to fight their own cases should

DomainTools be breaching their terms of use.

DomainTools argued that this lawsuit may cause an avalanche of litigation as other registries attempt to protect the privacy of their registrants - and Judge Lasnik stated they may be correct.

“We look forward to presenting our full case to the Court, as we seek to permanently prevent DomainTools from ever building a secondary

.nz database offshore and outside the control of the Domain Name Commission,” said Carey.

In court, DomainTools requested more than 5 million NZD in bond to compensate for reworking database files to ensure that .nz data is not provided to its customers. However, the judge ruled that a nominal bond of only \$1,500 NZD is required.

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ICANN Board Reaffirms Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data



LOS ANGELES - The Board of Directors of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced in a press release that it voted to reaffirm the “Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.”

The Temporary Specification was originally approved by the Board on May 17, 2018, in order to establish temporary requirements for how ICANN and its contracted parties will comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and community-developed policies in relation to the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Under the procedures for adopting Temporary Policies outlined in the Registry Agreement and Registrar Accreditation Agreement, the Board must reaffirm the adoption every 90 days, and may continue to do so for no more than a year.

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