

ANNEX .LAW - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE .LAW TLD

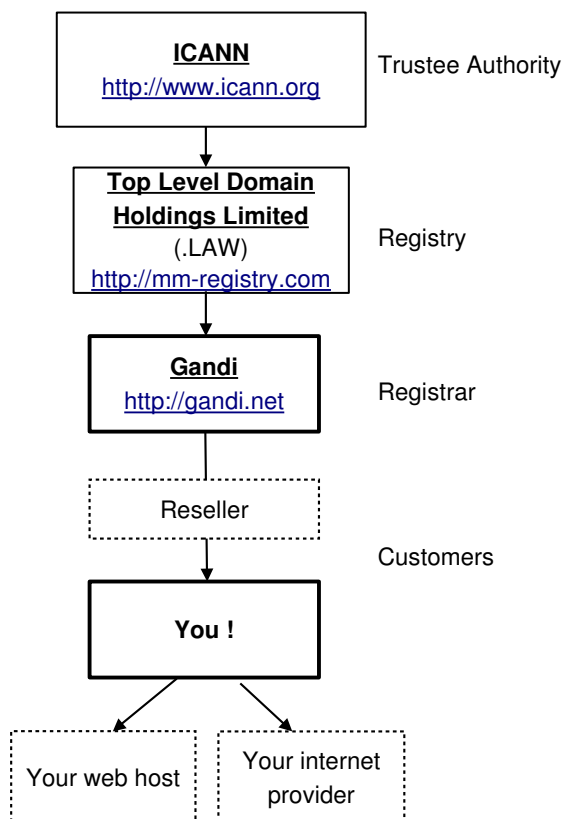
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In addition to Gandi's [General Terms and Conditions](#) for domain name registration, the registration and use of a .LAW domain name implies the acceptance of and compliance to the present special conditions contained herein.

All Your legal information and contracts can be viewed at any time via Our [website](#). Capitalized terms have the definition attributed to them in Our [General Terms and Conditions](#) of Domain Name Registration. Specifically, "You" refers to the owner of the domain name, and "We" designates Gandi. Your current contracts are freely available for viewing when You log into Your account at: <http://www.gandi.net/admin/contracts/>.

Section .LAW.1. Trustee authority and Registry

[.LAW](#) is a generic Top-Level-Domain (gTLD). The following diagram presents the various parties involved for the .LAW TLD:



You can view the information and special rules of each party involved by clicking on the respective links.

Section .LAW.2. Registration terms and conditions

When You apply to register a .LAW domain name, You acknowledge that You have fully understood, and that You certify to have full knowledge of and that You agree to abide by all the rules and specific conditions of .LAW domain names, as defined by ICANN and Top Level Domain Holdings Limited and which may be viewed at the following pages:

- Top Level Domain Holdings Limited policies: <http://mm-registry.com/policies>
- Registrant agreement:

<http://mm-registry.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Sample-Registrant-Agreement.pdf>

- ICANN consensus policies:

<http://www.icann.org/en/general/consensus-policies.htm>

These contracts bind You to the .LAW Registry. The special conditions contained herein do not replace these rules, but rather form part of them. You acknowledge to have fully understood and to have accepted these rules on Our website.

The contract between ICANN and the .LAW Registry is available at the following address:

<http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/law>

Section .LAW.3. Launch rules

The .LAW domain name launch occurs in several phases. The Sunrise will run from the 30th of July, 2015 to the 28th of September, 2015. The General opening is scheduled for the 12th of October, 2015. These dates are not definitive and are subject to change by the Registry.

Registrations during the first 7 days of the general opening will be subject to additional costs decreasing over time ("Early Access" period).

Preregistrations for general opening phase are available at Gandi: domain names can be ordered at that time, but will not yet be registered or reserved.

Section .LAW.4. Special requirements

.LAW special requirements are available at:

<http://www.gandi.net/domain/law/info>

.LAW domain names are restricted to **licensed lawyers or law firms**, all initial applications and renewals will be examined to verify that the registrant's license is current. To be eligible for a name as a law firm, the firm must provide legal services and a partner or equivalent must be a licensed lawyer. Paralegals or researchers do not qualify for .LAW. Only parties who are attorneys, attorney-firms, law schools, and/or courts are eligible to register for a .LAW

Section .LAW.5. Sunrise

During General Availability, You must provide the following information when You apply for a registration:

- the accreditation Id of the Lawyer
- the accreditation body
- the accreditation year
- the country code of the jurisdiction
- the lawyer jurisdiction State/ Province (optional)

5.1 Eligibility rules

Only owners of a trademark registered with the trademark rights protection mechanism “[TMCH](#)” (Trademark Clearinghouse) established by ICANN are eligible to make a request during the Sunrise period.

As a TMCH trademark agent, Gandi can proceed with the registration of Your trademarks with TMCH (service reserved to Our Corporate customers, please contact Our [Corporate team](#)).

Eligibility conditions concerning the registration of a trademark with TMCH and the applicable rules are available at the following address: <http://www.trademark-clearinghouse.com/downloads>

Once Your trademark has been validated, TMCH generates one or several "labels" strictly identical to Your trademark.

Upon the submission of Your trademark with TMCH, You can choose the Sunrise service, provided that Your trademark has been validated by TMCH. The Sunrise service includes:

- generating a “SMD” (Signed Mark Data) file that proves the validation of Your trademark and allows You to make a registration request during the Sunrise period for one or several domain names strictly identical to the “label(s)” generated, provided that You comply with the eligibility conditions and rules enacted by the Registry,
- sending notifications (NORNs) that inform You of the registration of a domain name identical to Your trademark by a third party during the Sunrise period.

During Your registration request on Our interface, You must upload Your “SMD” file for verification.

5.2 Allocation rules

Sunrise applications are not reviewed on a “first-come first-served” basis, they will be considered as having arrived at the same time:

- if only one qualified application is made for a domain name, the domain name will be registered on behalf of applicant within the days following the end of the Sunrise period,
- if multiple qualified applications are made for the same domain name, the domain name will be subject to closed auction between all applicants for this domain name. Rules applicable to the auction procedure may be found at the following page: <http://mm-registry.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Auction->

[Rules.pdf](#)

5.3 Dispute resolution

Any dispute relative to the auction procedure must be submitted in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure established by the auction provider that You agree fully to abide by:

<http://mm-registry.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Auction-Dispute-Resolution-Policy.pdf>

5.4. Refund Conditions

In any case, You will not be entitled to receive any refund if the domain name is not granted to You (domain name granted to an other person during an auction).

Section .LAW.6 General opening

On general opening, the domain name will be allocated on a “first-come first-served” basis.

Section .LAW.6.1 “Trademark Claim Notice” period

In accordance with ICANN rules, during 90 days upon general opening, a “Trademark Claim Notice” period will run.

During this period if the domain name for which You requested registration is identical to a trademark that is registered and validated with TMCH (according to the “labels” generated), You will receive a warning notice (“Trademark Claim Notice”) in real time on Our interface informing You that a third party has rights to the domain name You requested.

You must confirm or cancel Your registration request, with full knowledge of the notice and its consequences. It being specified that if You do not confirm the notice, Your request will not be sent to the Registry.

If You confirm Your registration request, third parties who own an identical mark are notified of Your registration.

For requests made in preregistration, beginning one day prior to the opening of the period concerned, Gandi will notify You by email of the “Trademark Claim Notice” and Your registration request will be put in “error” until You confirm or cancel Your registration via Our interface. It being specified that, in accordance with ICANN rules, if You do not confirm the notice, Gandi will not send Your registration request to the Registry upon the opening of the concerned period and cannot, in any case, be held liable for the non-registration of Your domain name and particularly if the domain name is registered by a third party who has validated the “Trademark Claim Notice” upon the opening of the period concerned.

It is Your sole and entire responsibility to confirm, if You want, all the notices received before the opening of the concerned period and the sending of Your request to the Registry.

6.2 “Early Access” period

During the first 7 days of the general opening, the Registry has an “Early Access” period during which the registration of domain names is subject to additional costs decreasing over time.

Only the registrations during the last 3 days of this period are available on Our interface by choosing “Landrush”. To register a domain name during the first 4 days of this period You must reach Our customer service department.

It is specified that if You do not contact Our customer service department and pay the additional costs, the requests made in preregistration will be only be sent to the Registry after the “Early Access” period.

Section .LAW.7. Reserved names and premium domain names

Some words are reserved or prohibited, in particular: <http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/law> (specification 5. schedule of reserved names), names containing two characters followed by two hyphens and names beginning or ending by a hyphen are not allowed.

The registration of "premium" domain names is not available on Our interface, You would need to contact Our customer service department for this.

For requests made in preregistration, if the domain name You have preregistered is a “premium” domain name, Your request will be put in “error” and You will be notify by email. Then You will be able to either pay the additional costs applicable to “premium” domain names in order to validate Your registration request or cancel Your request. It being specified that if You do not contact Our customer service department and do not pay the additional costs applicable to “premium” domain names, Your registration request will be not sent to the Registry.

Section .LAW.8. Registration term

The registration term is 1 year for requests made during the Landrush period, and from 1 to 10 years for requests made during the general opening. To avoid any deactivation of the domain name, the renewal must be paid and funds cleared **before the Expiration date**.

Section .LAW.9. Pricing

Our prices may be viewed at: <https://www.gandi.net/domain/price/detail/law>

Validation fees are non-refundable and are due for each annual registration year.

“Premium” domain names are subject to specific prices that will be communicated by Our customer service department upon request.

Section .LAW.10. Storage of contact information

In application of ICANN contracts, all personal and technical information associated with the registration of Your domain name is recorded and made available to ICANN and IRON MOUNTAIN (ICANN's designated Registrar Data Escrow agent), in addition to messages pertaining to each registration or modification, during the entire duration of the registration of the domain name, plus the two following years.

You accept that the Registry can access Your personal contact information, process it and display it in the public [Whois](#) database.

Section .LAW.11. Dispute resolution policy

The Registry has adopted the ICANN dispute resolution procedures UDRP (Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy) and URS (Uniform Rapid Suspension System) for .LAW domains, that You agree fully abide by.

You may view general documentation on the UDRP procedure at the following addresses:

- ICANN domain name dispute resolution policies: <http://www.icann.org/udrp>
- explanations: <http://www.icann.org/en/udrp/udrp.htm>
- Policy: <http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/policy.htm>
- Rules: <http://www.icann.org/dndr/udrp/uniform-rules.htm>
- Dispute Resolution Service Providers: <http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/approved-providers.htm>

The URS rules are available at the following page: <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs>

The Registry has also established a CRS (Complaint Resolution Service) procedure in case of violation of Registry rules or applicable laws, that You agree fully abide by: <http://mm-registry.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Complaint-Resolution-Service.pdf>

A challenge procedure will be available in the case of disbarment or other event that causes a current registrant to no longer qualify for a .LAW.

Section .LAW.12. Transfer (change of Registrar)

The transfer-in process may be initiated on Our Interface. Before requesting the transfer of the domain, please make sure You have the domain's authorization code (supplied by Your current Registrar), and that Your domain name:

- does not have a TransferProhibited status,
- does not expire soon (We recommend that You start the transfer request at least 1 month prior to its Expiration),
- was created at least 60 days prior to the request,
- has not been transferred within the last 60 days.

The transfer's completion requires Your confirmation (by e-mail).

Upon successfully transferring a domain, the registration period is extended by one year.

You acknowledge that You have fully understood and that You accept the ICANN policy applicable to transfers:

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/transfers-2012-02-25-en>

Section .LAW.13. Ownership change

The ownership change process is available on Our Interface and requires the confirmation of both parties by e-mail.

The owner change of a domain name does not change the domain's expiration date.

Section .LAW.14. Deletion process

Upon the Expiration of the domain, We suspend (Hold) the domain name for 45 days, during which time all associated technical services are deactivated. Late renewal at normal price is possible during this period.

Then the domain goes into Redemption Period for an additional 30 days, and all associated technical services are deactivated. It can only be restored during this period in accordance with the terms and conditions described on Our website and/or as communicated by Our customer service department.

If the domain is neither renewed nor restored within these deadlines, the Registry shall place the domain on "Pending Delete" status for several days, and then delete the domain name, which will become available for registration on a "first-come first-served" basis.

Attachment: [Registrant agreement](#)

Section .LAW.15. Registrant representations and guarantees

You acknowledge and agree that distributing malware, abusively operating botnets, phishing, piracy, trademark or copyright infringement, fraudulent or deceptive practices, counterfeiting or otherwise engaging in activity contrary to applicable law are expressly prohibited. Failing to comply with this provision, You expose Yourself to the suspension of Your domain name, in addition to the prosecution for the prejudice caused to third parties and to the penalties mentioned under applicable law.

You commit Yourself to indemnify and hold harmless the Registrant its subcontractors, and their employees, directors, officers, representatives, delegees, shareholders, affiliates, agents, successors and assigns from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including legal fees and expenses arising out of or relating in any way to Your domain name. This indemnification obligation shall survive the termination of the present contract, whatever may be the cause, and is the direct consequence of Our accreditation agreement.

Section .LAW.16. Exclusion of liability and actions of the Registry

You expressly acknowledge and accept that the Registry shall be entitled, that it deems necessary, in its sole and entire discretion, but not obligated, to reject, delete, suspend, transfer to a third party or place in "lock" status, "hold" status or similar status Your domain name:

- to comply with specifications adopted by any industry group generally recognized as authoritative with respect to the Internet (e.g., RFC),
- to correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection to the registration of a domain name,
- if required by a URS, UDRP or CRS proceeding ,
- for the non-payment of fees to the Registry .

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