

ANNEX .PROTECTION - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE . PROTECTION TLD

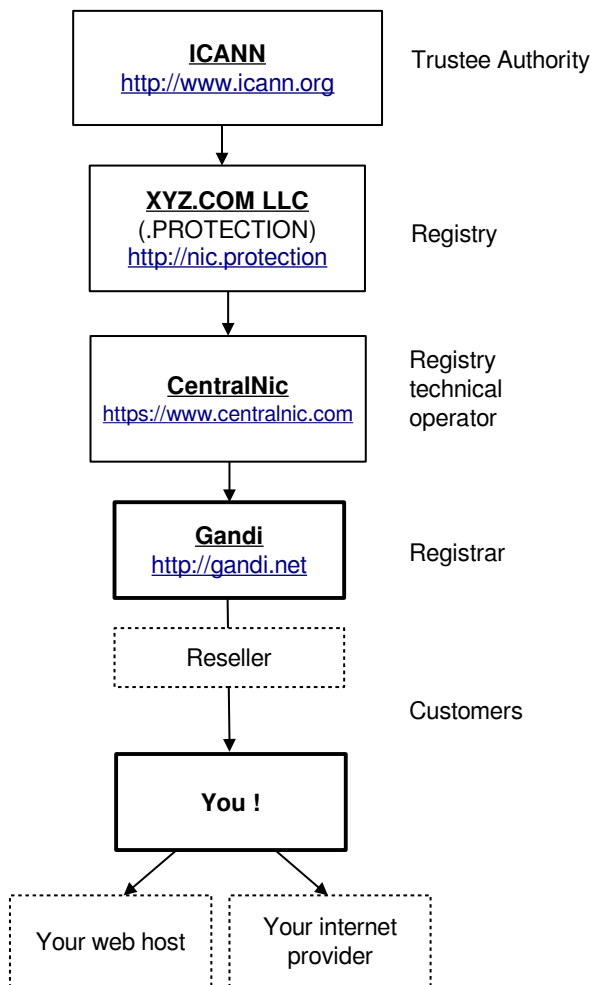
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In addition to Gandi's [General Terms and Conditions](#) for domain name registration, the registration and use of a .PROTECTION domain name implies the acceptance of and compliance to the present special conditions contained herein.

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 .PROTECTION.1. Trustee authority and Registry

.PROTECTION is a generic Top-Level-Domain (gTLD) dedicated to protection. The following diagram presents the various parties involved for the .PROTECTION TLD:



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

Section .PROTECTION.2. Registration terms and conditions

When You apply to register a .PROTECTION 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 .PROTECTION domain names, as defined by ICANN, XYZ.COM LLC and CentralNic and which may be viewed at the following pages:

Rules established by the Registry:

- .PROTECTION Security requirements: <https://nic.protection/securityreqs>
- .PROTECTION policies and terms: <http://myicann.secure.force.com/SunriseAttachment?attachmentId=MDBQZDAwMDAwME85V2RFRUFW>
- XYZ.COM LLC Privacy Policy: <http://nic.protection/privacy>

Rules established by CentralNic:

- Terms and Conditions: <https://www.centralnic.com/support/terms/domains>
- Privacy Policy: <https://www.centralnic.com/pdfs/Privacy%20Policy%20v1.0.pdf>
- Phishing and Abuse Policies: <https://www.centralnic.com/support/abuse>

Rules established by ICANN:

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

These contracts bind You to the .PROTECTION Registry and CentralNic. 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 .PROTECTION Registry is available at the following address:

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

Section .PROTECTION.3. Launch rules

The .PROTECTION domain name launch will occur in four phases: Sunrise, Stock Symbol, Early Access and general opening.

The Sunrise phase runs from December 17th, 2015 to January 19th, 2016, Stock Symbol period will run from January 19th to January 20th, 2016. Early Access period will run from January 20th, 2016 to January 27th, 2016. General opening is scheduled for January 27th, 2016. These dates are not definitive and are subject to change by the Registry.

Preregistrations during both Early Access and general opening phases are available at Gandi: domain names can be ordered at that time, but will not yet be registered or reserved.

Section .PROTECTION.4. Special requirements

.PROTECTION special requirements are available at: <http://www.gandi.net/domain/protection/info>

.PROTECTION domain names are open to anyone during general opening.

Section .PROTECTION.5. Sunrise

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 reviewed on a “first-come first-served” basis.

When a domain name is allocated to You in Sunrise period, third parties who own an identical trademark registered within TMCH are notified of Your registration.

Domain names listed on the ICANN block list (ICANN’s SLD Name Collision block list) are available for registration during the Sunrise period but will be activated when ICANN will authorize their activation.

5.3 Dispute resolution

Any dispute relative to the validation of Your trademark with TMCH must be submitted in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure established by TMCH:

<http://www.trademark-clearinghouse.com/dispute>

Any dispute arising from the allocation of a domain name during the Sunrise period must be submitted in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure established by the Registry that You agree fully abide by:

<http://myicann.force.com/SunriseAttachment?attachmentId=MDBQZDAwMDAwME85V2RFRUFW> (12. Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy)

5.4. Refund Conditions

In any case, You will not be entitled to receive any refund if Your

application is rejected (eligibility criteria not met, “SMD” file invalid or revoked...) or if the domain name is not granted to You (domain name granted to an other person during an auction, if a third party has successfully challenged the domain name registration...).

Section .PROTECTION.6. Early Access Period

Early Access period allows the registration of .PROTECTION domain names prior to general availability for additional decreasing fees.

For registrations made during this period, please reach out to Our support team.

Failing to contact Our customer support agents and to pay additional fees, pre-registrations will only be sent to XYZ.COM LLC once the « Early Access » phase is over.

Section .PROTECTION.7. “Trademark Claim Notice” period

In accordance with ICANN rules, during the “Early Access” period and for at least 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.

Section .PROTECTION.8. Reserved names and premium domain names

Some words are reserved or prohibited: <https://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/protection> (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 will 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 notified 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 .PROTECTION.9. Registration term

The registration term is one (1) year for requests made during Sunrise and Early Access periods, and from one (1) to ten (10) years for requests made during general opening. To avoid any deactivation of the domain name, the renewal must be paid and funds cleared **before Expiration date**.

Section .PROTECTION.10. Pricing

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

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

Section .PROTECTION.11. 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 consent to the use, copying, distribution, publication in particular in the public [Whois](#) database, modification and other processing of Your personal contact information by the Registry and CentralNic and their designees and agents, in accordance with the Registry's privacy policy and consistent with their respective obligations.

Section .PROTECTION.12. Dispute resolution policy

The Registry has adopted the ICANN dispute resolution procedures UDRP (Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy) and URS (Uniform Rapid Suspension System) for .PROTECTION 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>

Section .PROTECTION.13. 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.

Section .PROTECTION.14. 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 .PROTECTION.15. 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.

Section .PROTECTION.16. Registrant representations and guarantees

You agree to provide and maintain accurate, reliable and up-to-date personal contact information. Failing to do so, the Registry may delete Your domain name.

In any case, 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 agree to comply with:

- all applicable laws and regulations, including those related to privacy, data collection, consumer protection (including in relation to misleading and deceptive conduct) and applicable consumer laws in respect of fair lending, debt collection, organic farming, disclosure of data and financial regulations;
- ICANN standards, policies, procedures, and practices for which XYZ.COM LLC has monitoring responsibility;
- operational standards, policies, procedures, and practices for .PROTECTION as established from time to time by XYZ.COM LLC in a non-arbitrary manner.

In the case where You would be using Your domain name to collect and/or maintain sensitive health and financial data, You must comply with applicable laws on the provision of such services, including state-of-the-art security measures applicable to the industry.

Should You be willing to associate a website to Your .PROTECTION domain name, You acknowledge and commit Yourself to fully implement the Transport Layer Security protocol (TLS) as described in RFC 7525 in order to guarantee data both integrity and confidentiality when transiting from and to Your website. Your .PROTECTION website shall only be accessed over "https" connections consistent with .PROTECTION security requirements which may be reviewed at the following address: <https://nic.protection/securityreqs>

If Your website collects or processes personally identifiable information or confidential financial information, Your website must have an "Extended Validation" certificate (EV).

Pursuant to these requirements, You acknowledge and agree the Registry will run random screenings on .PROTECTION registered domain names associated to websites. Should the Registry notice a security requirement breach involving Your .PROTECTION domain name and should You fail to cure the breach within thirty (30) days after being notified of the said breach, the Registry may suspend Your domain name.

You commit Yourself to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Registry, CentralNic and their subcontractors, as well as each of their respective directors, officers, employees, affiliates and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable 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 .PROTECTION.17. 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 protect the integrity and stability of the domain names system,
- to comply with applicable laws, regulations, policies, government rules or requirements, request of law enforcement or in accordance with an order or decision by a competent court or administrative authority, or any dispute resolution service provider the Registry and ICANN may retain to oversee the arbitration and mediation of disputes,
- to avoid any actual or potential civil or criminal liability on the part of the Registry and CentralNic, their affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees,
- to correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection to the registration of a domain name,
- as otherwise provided in the terms and conditions and the contracts of the Registry or in the present contract.

The Registry also reserves the right to place Your domain name in « lock » status, « hold » status or similar status during resolution of a dispute.

You acknowledge that the Registry has no liability of any kind for any loss or liability resulting from the proceedings and processes relating to the Sunrise or Early Access period, including, without limitation:

- the ability or inability of a person to obtain a domain name during these periods,
- the results of any dispute over a Sunrise registration.

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