

## ANNEX .VOTO - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE .VOTO TLD

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In addition to Gandi's [General Terms and Conditions](#) for domain name registration, the registration and use of a .VOTO 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.

### **Section .VOTO.1. Trustee authority and Registry**

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

- Trustee Authority  
**ICANN:** <http://www.icann.org>
- Registry  
**Monolith Registry LLC**
- Technical operator :  
**Identity Digital:** <https://www.identity.digital/>
- Registrar  
**Gandi:** <http://gandi.net>

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

### **Section .VOTO.2. Registration terms and conditions**

When You apply to register a .VOTO 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 .VOTO domain names, as defined by ICANN and Identity Digital, and which may be viewed at the following pages:

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

These documents bind You to the .VOTO Registry and Identity Digital. 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 .VOTO Registry is available at the following address:  
[www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/voto](http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/voto)

### **Section .VOTO.3. Special requirements**

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

.VOTO domain names are open to anyone.

### **Section .VOTO.4. Reserved names**

Some words are reserved or prohibited, in particular:

- agreement between ICANN and the Registry (specification 5. schedule of reserved names):  
<http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/voto>
- domain names listed on the ICANN block list (ICANN's SLD Name Collision block list):  
<https://www.icann.org/sites/default/files/tlds/voto/voto-apd-list-12nov13-en.csv>
- names containing two characters followed by two hyphens and names beginning or ending by a hyphen.

### **Section .VOTO.5. Registration term**

The registration term is from 1 to 10 years. To avoid any deactivation of the domain name, the renewal must be paid and funds cleared before the Expiration date.

### **Section .VOTO.6. Pricing**

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

"Premium" domain names are subject to specific prices as indicated in Our interface during Your order.

### **Section .VOTO.7. 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 Our escrow agent (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 and display it in the public [Whois](#) database.

### **Section .VOTO.8. Dispute resolution policy**

The Registry has adopted the ICANN dispute resolution procedures UDRP (Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy) and URS (Uniform Rapid Suspension System) for .VOTO 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 .VOTO.9. 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 .VOTO.10. 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 .VOTO.11. 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 .VOTO.12. 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 commit Yourself to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Registry and its subcontractors, and their 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 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 .VOTO.13. 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 Registry or the domain names system,
- to comply with applicable laws, regulations, policies, government rules or requirements, request of law enforcement agencies 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 civil or criminal liability on the part of or damage to the Registry, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, employees,
- per the terms of the present contract,
- for the non-payment of fees to the Registry,
- to correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection to the registration of a domain name.

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

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