

Addendum 2 to the Registrar Agreement

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Contract number of Registrar Agreement:

BY AND BETWEEN:

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Hereinafter referred to as "DNS Belgium",	

AND:

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Represented by
Hereinafter referred to as the "registrar",

WHEREAS:

DNS Belgium is the registration authority that registers and manages domain names ending in .be;
The registrar already participates in the registration process of domain names ending in .be and has entered into a Registrar Agreement with DNS Belgium to that end;

DNS Belgium checks the identity and the correctness of the contact details of the registrants of newly registered .be domain names through the 'Registrant Verification' programme;

With this addendum, DNS Belgium offers registrars the possibility to perform themselves - or through their resellers - the 'Registrant Verification' for the contact details of their registrants. The registrar itself decides whether or not to validate the contact details of its registrants. If the registrar plays an active role in verifying contact details, DNS Belgium does not verify these details. In other words, DNS Belgium does not carry out the Registrant Verification for contact details that the registrar checks itself. The registrar who meets the conditions can subscribe to this by signing this addendum. We attach this addendum to the Registrar Agreement he previously entered into with DNS Belgium.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1 Object

Pursuant to the Registrar Agreement, the registrar agrees to collect and maintain accurate and complete data on domain name registrations. The registrar shall remain solely responsible for the accuracy of the registrant's data during the registration process and thereafter.

In its fight against cybercrime, DNS Belgium also checks the identity and contact details of registrants of newly registered .be domain names via the 'Registrant Verification' programme. Holder data can be verified by DNS Belgium in two ways. Either manually, through the retrieval or uploading of official identification documents such as an identity card or notarial deed. Or in an automated manner, via online identification systems (such as Itsme, eID and Onfido).

DNS Belgium offers the registrar the option of providing its own 'Registrant Verification', hereinafter "Registrant Verification by Registrar", for the contact details selected by the registrar for this purpose.

Registrars who themselves use an equivalent customer identification programme to verify the identity and contact details of domain name holders, prior to registering .be domain names with DNS Belgium, may opt to subscribe to this addendum. The registrar decides to validate all or part of the contact details itself. The selection of contact details always concerns the integral 'contact handle' to which these details are linked. A 'contact handle' therefore falls entirely within or outside the 'Registrant Verification' programme.

DNS Belgium carries out a prior analysis and assesses whether the registrar is acting adequately and satisfies the conditions of Article 4. If that is the case, when .be domain names are re-registered, DNS Belgium will no longer select the registrant's new or updated contact details selected by the registrar for verification as part of Registrant Verification.

The selected contact details of the registrar's customers shall be conferred 'verified' status when a new domain name is registered or in the context of managing an existing domain name (e.g. transfer, update of data) from activation onwards.

2 Fee

No fee shall be payable to DNS Belgium for Registrant Verification by Registrar.

The registrar shall not receive any price reduction through the use thereof and shall continue to owe the fees to DNS Belgium as included in the Registrar Agreement.

3 Technical provisions

3.1 Technical procedures

The Registrant Verification by Registrar shall be activated and deactivated automatically through DNS Belgium's technical platform.

The provisions of Article 5.1 of the Registrar Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall also apply to the use of Registrant Verification by Registrar.

3.2 Other provisions

Insofar as they apply to Registrant Verification by Registrar, all other provisions of the Registrar Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

4 Additional guarantees by the registrar

4.1 Conditions

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The Registrar shall comply with the following conditions in order to use Registrant Verification:

- the registrar itself uses an equivalent customer identification programme to verify the identity and contact details of registrants, prior to the registration of domain names with DNS Belgium;
- the verification of the identity and contact details of registrants by the registrar is always done on the basis of sufficient documentary evidence and in no case solely on the basis of one-sided statements or only data from public registers;
- before signing this addendum, the registrar will provide a written process description of its customer identification programme to DNS Belgium and the registrar will not receive any objections from DNS Belgium to the proposed method within the following 14 days.

At the request of DNS Belgium, the registrar shall provide such information as necessary to demonstrate compliance with these conditions in Article 4. DNS Belgium reserves the right to request evidence from the registrar, to audit all documents on the registrar's customer identification programme and to perform checks to verify the registrar's compliance with these conditions.

If the registrar works with resellers and the registrar leaves the customer identification up to the reseller, the resellers must also comply with these conditions. The registrar shall remain solely responsible for compliance with this addendum with regard to DNS Belgium.

For the sake of clarity, the general terms and conditions for registrants shall remain unchanged in the case of Registrant Verification by Registrar, as shall the right of DNS Belgium to carry out checks regarding the correctness of the contact details of registrants.

4.2 Defaults

If DNS Belgium should become aware of non-compliance with the commitments in this addendum by the registrar or a reseller with which the registrar cooperates, it shall be entitled to disable this Registrant Verification by Registrar for the registrar temporarily or permanently under the procedures set out below.

In case of a clear breach of the commitments made in this addendum, DNS Belgium shall inform the registrar of the decision to disable Registrant Verification by Registrar temporarily. The registrar shall receive an invitation to submit its arguments and any supporting documents within 14 days. DNS Belgium shall examine these in detail in order to revise or perpetuate the decision to disable Registrant Verification by Registrar temporarily.

During the suspension of this addendum, DNS Belgium may again select the new or updated contact details of registrants for 'Registrant Verification', when registering new .be domain names. Contact details will no longer receive verified status during the suspension.

Upon determination of a breach where there is insufficient rebuttal by the registrar within the 14-day period, DNS Belgium shall be entitled to proceed with the termination of this addendum in accordance with Article 5 thereof. DNS Belgium shall consequently perform the final shutdown of Registrant Verification by Registrar for the registrar.

5 Term and termination

5.1 Term

This addendum shall only enter into force when DNS Belgium has received the signed version from the registrar and once DNS Belgium has activated the feature 'Registrant Verification by Registrar' for the registrar concerned in its technical platform. Such activation will take place on 1 October 2023 at the earliest.

5.2 Termination by end of the Registrar Agreement

This Addendum shall remain in force as long as the Registrar Agreement to which it is attached remains in effect for the signatory registrar.

5.3 Termination by DNS Belgium

DNS Belgium may terminate this addendum immediately should it decide to cease offering Registrant Verification by Registrar in its entirety or due to non-compliance with the commitments undertaken herein by the registrar or its reseller.

5.4 Termination by the registrar

The registrar also has the right to terminate this addendum if it no longer wishes to use Registrant Verification by Registrar. DNS Belgium shall take action by disabling Registrant Verification by Registrar for the registrar within 7 days at the latest as of the written notice of the decision to terminate.

5.5 Consequences of termination

DNS Belgium may again select new or updated registrant contact details for Registrant Verification as of the termination, upon new registration of .be domain names.

If DNS Belgium terminates this addendum due to default by the registrar or its reseller, all contact details of registrants may be re-selected for Registrant Verification by DNS Belgium. This shall apply also to contact details previously verified by the registrar. All contact details shall lose their verified status, until the date of the signing of the addendum.

6 Miscellaneous

6.1 Amendments

DNS Belgium has the right to adapt or amend this addendum and shall notify the registrar accordingly in advance, at the latest 30 days before the activation of these changes. If the registrar does not agree with the changes, it may terminate this addendum in accordance with Article 5.4 thereof.

6.2 Authority to sign

The undersigned expressly guarantees that they have the required authority to sign so as to bind their company or organization validly to this agreement.

In any event, DNS Belgium can rely on the fact that the mere signing of this addendum constitutes the registrar's full agreement hereto.

For DNS Belgium

For the registrar

Philip Du Bois
General Manager

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