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Information to Registrars System Update and Launch Details for Natural Persons on .swiss

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Dear Registrars,

Following up on the previous circular, here is some additional information on the launch of eligibility for natural persons in .swiss and the related system upgrade.

Production System Upgrade 4 Weeks Before

The functionality for natural persons will be installed on the .swiss production environment 4 weeks before the launch, presumably during Wednesday March 27, 2024.

The system **will not prevent** submission of applications for natural persons prior to launch. However, the .swiss Validation Team will **reject** any such application sent before Wednesday 2024-04-24T14:00 CEST (2024-04-24T12:00 UTC). This restriction applies to the application object (created using the domain:create command). The contacts associated with the application can be created before launch.

Launch Time 14:00 CEST (12:00 UTC) on April 24, 2024

The availability of .swiss for natural persons will be effective from Wednesday 2024-04-24T14:00 CEST (2024-04-24T12:00 UTC). In order to avoid accidental sending of create commands shortly before launch, the **domain:create command will be suspended for 10 minutes prior to launch**, from 2024-04-24T13:50 CEST (2024-04-24T11:50 UTC) to 2024-04-24T14:00 CEST (2024-04-24T12:00 UTC). This 10-minute suspension applies to all domain:create commands, whether they are for natural persons or for organizations.

Note the transition from Central European Time (CET) to Central European Summer Time (CEST) on March 31, 2024.

Same Number of Concurrent EPP Connections per Registrar

The .swiss registration system will allow the same number of concurrent EPP connections per registrar.

Contention Resolution Criteria

The rules of precedence are set forth in Article 57 paragraph 2 of the Federal Ordinance on Internet Domains (OID):

https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2014/701/fr#art_57

https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2014/701/de#art_57

https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2014/701/it#art_57

Validation and 20-Day Publication Period Applicable to all .swiss Applications

All .swiss applications, including those for natural persons, require **validation prior to entering a 20-day publication period**. Until the end of that period, any other party may submit an application for the same domain. The validation team verifies, among other things, that the registrant identified by way of the Public ID field in the application matches the holder of the UPI (Universal Person Identification, also known as AHV Nummer or

Numéro AVS) or UID (Business Identification Number or Enterprise ID) as recorded in the relevant governmental register:

- If the registrant is a natural person, the Registrant Name must match that of the holder of the UPI. In case the natural person applicant is shown as foreign national resident in Switzerland, the validation verifies the residency status.
- If the registrant is an organization, the registrant organization field must match the name of the entity identified by the UID.

The first natural person applications will enter the publication period on the following Tuesday at 2024-04-30T13:00 UTC for publication during 20 days. Any applications not validated prior to the start of that publication slot will be reviewed later and enter subsequent publication slots as soon as validated.

The **registrant name** field is **not** published on the Whois/RDAP, whereas the **registrant organization** field is published but not required by natural person applicants. The UPI is not published, whereas the UID is published. As a result, the applications by different applicants for the same domain name may only be distinguished by their Application ID on the public Whois/RDAP service.

New Integrity Constraints Regarding Public ID (UID / UPI)

Many registrars have procedures where the registrant contact record is substituted by a new contact record with a different handle but identical contact information. Such procedures tend to be generic, not taking into account the Public ID or Enterprise ID field (UID for organizations and UPI for natural persons). This frequently leads to the loss of registrant eligibility because the Public ID is no longer present in the registrant contact record.

As soon as the DotSwiss production system is updated ahead of the launch of eligibility of natural persons, it will enforce a conditional integrity constraint with respect to the Public ID property in registrant records.

The update will **fail** with an error message if the resulting registrant contact would not have a Public ID (formerly Enterprise ID field) in the exact allowable format (**CHE-*nnn.nnn.nnn*** for a UID and **756.*nnnn.nnnn.nn*** for a UPI)

- when a **contact <update>** command is issued for a contact that is mapped to any domain name in the registrant role,
- when a **domain <update>** command is issued for a domain so as to map it to a new contact record in the registrant role.

The above integrity constraints are already active on the OT&E system and can be tested by registrars.

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