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Update on .pt Portuguese and .hr Croatian Domain Names



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Criteria to register .hr Croatian domain names relaxed

The Croatian Domain Name Registry has relaxed the restrictions on registering .hr Croatian domain names. It is now possible to register up to ten (10) .hr domain names to any entity that satisfies the registration criteria. Previously it had only been possible to register one domain name. Registration still requires an entity with a Croatian address.

Implications for Brand Owners

Brand holders should review their portfolio to identify terms that should be registered as .hr domain names.

Brand holders should be aware that it is also possible to register under .com.hr (e.g., brand.com.hr). There is no restriction on the number of .com.hr domain names that may be registered to a single entity although registration also requires an entity with a Croatian address and this entity will be recorded as the legal owner/registrant of any .com.hr domain name.

Details for Registration

A registration requires an application form to be completed; signed and marked with the stamp of the proposed Administrative Contact.

Please contact us to arrange a registration or for further information.

Criteria to register .pt Portuguese domain names tightened

The Portuguese Domain Name Registry has tightened the restrictions to register .pt Portuguese domain names. It is no longer possible to apply based on a corresponding trade mark application. Now the registration of the trade mark must be complete.

Implications for Brand Owners

Without a registered trade mark, the .pt domain name must correspond to the legal name of the proposed legal registrant/

owner. Abbreviations or acronyms of the proposed owner's legal name are also acceptable. Brand holders may wish to consider registering under the extension .com.pt (e.g., brand.com.pt) when creating new brands targeting Portugal as there is no restriction on who can register .com.pt Portuguese domain names.

Details for Registration

Registration is available to corporate entities, sole proprietors, independent professionals and owners of a trade mark.

For trade mark owners:

- 1) the trade mark must be registered in Portugal or European Community or international, extended to Portugal (an application for a trade mark is no longer sufficient).
- 2) the domain name must be identical to the trade mark.

Without a registered trade mark, the domain name must correspond to the legal name of the proposed legal registrant/owner. Abbreviations or acronyms of the proposed owner's legal name are also acceptable.

There is no restriction on the maximum number of .pt domain names which may be registered to a single entity.

The registration will require:

- 1) An application form to be provided, signed by the proposed legal owner/registrant.
- 2) A copy of a document displaying the legal name of the entity. For example, a certificate of registration or CIPC Legal Person Identity Card issued by the Registo Nacional de Pessoas Colectiva [National Registry of Legal Persons] (RNPC).
- 3) A copy of the trade mark if registering on the basis of a trade mark.

IDN (Internationalised Domain Names) are now possible under this suffix. Domains can now be registered using the standard Portuguese characters.

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