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### Relaxation in Policy for Estonian Domain Names



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The Registry for Estonian domain names has announced plans to relax the criteria on who can register Estonian domain names. Registration will require an Estonian Administrative Contact under the new rules proposed, the conditions of which are outlined below. It will be possible to register more than one Estonian domain name to a single entity. The choice of domain name will not need to be derived from the name of the proposed registrant/owner. This is a significant relaxation as currently it is only possible to register one Estonian domain name per Estonian entity, although it has been possible to appeal to the Registry for additional Estonian domain names. The changes will become effective on 5th July 2010.

Two categories of individuals are a sufficient Estonian Administrative Contact:

- a) a citizen of the Republic of Estonia with an Estonian personal identification code,
- or
- b) a citizen of the European Union, member state of the European Economic Area or Swiss confederation whose permanent residence is in Estonia

#### Implications for Brand Owners

We encourage brand holders to review their portfolio to identify any terms that should be registered as Estonian domain names.

Brand holders should also be aware that all existing Estonian domain names will need to complete an administrative process within the next six months.

#### Details Necessary under New Rules

The application requires:

- 1) The complete name of the proposed Administrative Contact.
- 2) An Estonian ID card, passport, drivers license or other document that displays the name of the individual, their picture and personal identification code (or date of birth). It is likely that it will be necessary to submit the original of this document as part of the application process.
- 3) Power of attorney must be given to the Administrative Contact to assist in completing the registration.
- 4) A copy of the certificate of registration if the owner/registrant is a company. The Estonian Registry may request that documents issued in a foreign country be legalised or certified with a certificate substituting for legalisation (apostil), in certain situations if the international agreement does not prescribe otherwise.
- 5) The Estonian Registry may request translation of such documents not in Estonian and for the translator's signature to be certified by a notary public.

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

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