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**Vietnamese domain names (IDN)**

## 1. Introduction

+ Vietnamese domain names are second-level domain names under country-coded domain name ".VN" written in Vietnamese language or third-level domain names under second-level domain names by administrative geography written in Vietnamese language.

+ A Vietnamese-language domain name consists of characters defined in the code sheet of Vietnamese language according to Vietnamese standardization TCVN 6909: 2001 and characters in expanded code sheet in line with the above-said standard. It is required to register either non-abbreviation of entire name or clearly meaning in Vietnamese language.

## 2. Principles for Registration :

\* It is strictly prohibited to use Internet resources for purposes of opposing the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, disturbing security, economy, social order and safety, undermining the nation's fine tradition and custom, infringing upon the legitimate rights and interests of organizations and individual.

\* Principles for registration of domain names

- To make registration on the principle of equality and non-discrimination and on first come-first serve basis.
- Organizations and individuals registering and using dot VN shall take full responsibility in accordance with current provisions of Law for the purposes of use and accuracy of information supplied to VNNIC and ensure that the registration and use of such domain names does not infringe upon the legitimate rights and interests of other organizations or individuals that exist before registration date.
- A registered domain name must not start with character "xn--".
- Return, suspension and withdrawal of domain names.

\* Naming principles

- Domain names shall be freely selected in accordance with current provisions of law and the provisions of this Regulation.
- A registered domain name must not include words infringing upon national interests or unsuitable to social ethics, national lifestyle or culture; must be serious to avoid misunderstanding and distorting because of the polyphonic and polysemantic of Vietnamese.
- A registered domain name may contain characters from A to Z; 0 to 9 and Vietnamese language characters in the Vietnamese alphabet. These characters may be either in capital block or normal ones.
- A registered domain name may contain character "-" but must neither start nor end with this character.
- A registered domain name must not start with character "xn-".
- A registered domain name must contain at least 3 characters but not

more than 63 characters.

\* Return, suspension and withdrawal of domain names

- Return of domain names : If organization or individual no longer has need to use domain names, he/she shall submit a written requests for returning the domain name to respective Registrars or in case, the domain name exceed the expiry date without renewal, it is considered to be not in use and will be returned automatically.

+ Suspension of domain name applied in the following cases:

- At the written request of competent State agencies or in case of violations of this Regulation.
- In the excess of expiry date without paying renewal fees within 30 days..
- If a third-level domain name under a second-level domain name of an organization or individual needed to be suspended at the written request of State agencies is not done accordingly, that second level domain name will be suspended.

+ Domain names shall be withdrawn in the following cases:

- At written requests of competent State agencies or under decisions on settlement of domain-name disputes.
- In violation of the following regulation or providing inaccurate registration information.
  - > Using Internet resources for purposes of opposing the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, disturbing security, economy, social order and safety, undermining the nation's fine tradition and custom, infringing upon the legitimate rights and interests of organizations and individual.
  - > Domain names stand for The Party and State agencies' name is infringed. It is strictly prohibited for inappropriate organizations and individuals to register these type of Domain names
  - > A registered domain name include words infringing upon national interests or unsuitable to social ethics, national lifestyle or culture; must be searious to avoid misunderstanding and distorting because of the polyphonic and polysemantic of Vietnamese.
- On-going use of the domain name after being suspended or warned but without any corrective action.

+ Giving notification of :

- **Suspension:** VNNIC requires Registrars to send written notification to concerned organizations, individuals about domain name suspension as requested by competent State agencies or in violation of this regulation.
- **Withdrawal:** VNNIC requires Registrars to send written notification to concerned organizations, individuals about domain name withdrawal in case of violation of withdrawal provisions.

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