

gTLD Revocation Readiness Report for .volkswagen

This Report summarizes the status of the steps required to request the revocation of a generic top-level domain (gTLD) subject to the terms outlined in the Registry Agreement and the Registry Transition Process. This Report was produced by the ICANN Global Domains Division Operations Team and documents the relevant requirements for Revocation.

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REVOCATION READINESS SUMMARY | .VOLKSWAGEN

Top-Level Domain:	.volkswagen
Registry Operator:	Volkswagen Group of America Inc.
Registry Agreement:	https://www.icann.org/en/registry-agreements/details/volkswagen
Type of Termination:	Voluntary Termination by Registry Operator, per section 4.4(b) of Registry Agreement
Revocation Requested to Occur on:	12 December 2023 at the latest
Revocation Readiness:	Readiness Confirmed
Submission Date:	19 June 2023
Summary:	<p>On 19 June 2023, Volkswagen Group of America Inc., the Registry Operator for .volkswagen, notified ICANN that it wished to terminate the RA citing its own business needs. On 08 September 2023, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .volkswagen gTLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator.</p> <p>On 20 October 2023, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, ICANN made a Final Determination to terminate the .volkswagen Registry Agreement and revoke the TLD's delegation from the Root Zone.</p>

Checklist for gTLD Revocation Readiness

If any answers are "no," a description of the impact on readiness for revocation (if any) must be provided. The impact should include why ICANN has determined to proceed with the revocation.

Notice of Termination	
1: Did the Registry Operator provide all properly given, required notices to ICANN pursuant to the terms of the Registry Agreement and/or the Registry Transition Process?	Yes
2: Did ICANN provide the notices for public comment, community feedback or other processes required by the Registry Agreement and/or the Registry Transition Process?	Yes

Determination on need to transition operation of the TLD	
1: Did ICANN consult with the Registry Operator?	Yes
2: Did ICANN publish a preliminary determination? <i>URL for determination:</i> https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/registry-agreements/volkswagen/volkswagen-legal-notice-determination-08-09-2023-en.pdf	Yes
3: Did the community have an opportunity to provide input on the preliminary determination? <i>URL for community input:</i> http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/ra-termination-comments/	Yes

<p>4: If comments were received, did ICANN provide a summary of community input on the preliminary determination to the extent any input was received?</p> <p><i>URL for community input summary:</i> N/A</p> <p>On 20 October 2023 , after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, during which no comments were received, ICANN has determined to move forward with the revocation considering that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .volkswagen qualifies as a .Brand TLD. • Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. 	N/A
<p>5: Was it determined that operations of the TLD does not need to be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator?</p> <p><i>URL for determination:</i> https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/gtld-registry-agreement-termination-2015-10-09-en</p>	Yes
<p>6: Has ICANN assessed that revocation of the TLD’s delegation in the DNS root zone will not create security, stability, and/or resiliency issues?</p>	Yes
<p>7: Was approval for the final determination appropriately authorized?</p> <p><i>URL of the reference authorization:</i> https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/registry-agreements/volkswagen/volkswagen-legal-notice-final-determination-20-10-2023-en.pdf</p>	Yes