

## **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to describe the rules for the allocation of names within the .TM domain and its sub-domains. NIC.TM is responsible for the day-to-day running of the NIC.

## **2. PROCESS DETAIL**

2.1 The rules given here apply to all requests for names in the .TM domain and all sub-domains of .TM except where differing rules exist for a sub-domain. The rules for a sub-domain shall incorporate all the rules in this document along with such additional rules that are required. Agreement of the Management of NIC.TM shall be required if the rules of a sub-domain are to exclude any of the rules of this document. Their agreement shall not unreasonably be withheld.

2.2 Where a dispute over the interpretation of the rules exists, the Management of NIC.TM shall rule on the interpretation.

2.3 All NEW second and third level domain requests will conform to RFCs [1034](#), [1035](#), [1122](#), [1123](#) and any subsequent replacements. For designated zones the requests may be handled by a robot. This robot will apply the appropriate RFCs, the rules and a check against the list of existing domain names. It may also check that operating nameservers exist for the request.

2.4 If the rules are changed in the future, some names approved under one set of rules might be rejected under the revised rules. No rule change will ever affect the status of a name which has been approved before the change unless sound technical reasons require this.

## **3. MANDATORY RULES FOR SECOND LEVEL DOMAINS.**

3.1 An applicant may reside in any legal jurisdiction.

3.2 Single or two letter or number domain names are not allowed. Two letter ISO 3166 country codes and Country names are reserved.

3.3 There shall be at least two nameservers for the domain (with addresses specified in the request) operating at the time the request is submitted. There is no requirement for the nameserver to be physically

located in the country of Turkmenistan. There is no restriction on the IP address of these nameservers.

#### **4. MANDATORY RULES FOR THIRD LEVEL DOMAINS**

4.1 An applicant must be resident in the country of Turkmenistan.

4.2 Two character names within an Third LD are allowed. i.e. 3x.com.TM

4.3 All second level names used by NIC.TM are banned from being used as third level names. e.g. com.com.TM would be banned as it is a second level name.

4.5 All top level domains are banned from being used as third level names. e.g. net.org.TM and org.com.TM are not allowed.

4.6 All One Letter domains (i.e. [a-z].xxx.TM) are reserved to cater for possible future sub-domain usage. The owner shall still maintain it unless they volunteer to relinquish it.

4.7 There shall be at least two nameservers for the domain (with addresses specified in the request) operating at the time the request is submitted. At least one nameserver must be physically located in the country of Turkmenistan. There is no restriction on the IP address of these nameservers.

#### **5. RECORDS**

Once an application has been approved a record will be created in NIC.TM's database where management of the zone is delegated to NIC.TM from which Web or NS records will be generated and loaded into NIC.TM's Register of Domain Names for the zone.

#### **6. APPROPRIATE USE**

No .TM domain may be used, directly or indirectly, for any purpose that is sexual or pornographic or that is against the statutory laws of any Nation. In the event of NIC.TM being advised and receiving formal notification (including the indemnification of NIC.TM) by any party that a specific site breaches this condition then NIC.TM reserves the right to immediately deactivate the offending registration. The applicant may seek the reinstatement of any suspended domain name by

seeking a determination by an Arbitrator appointed by the World Intellectual Property organisation.

## **7. UNSOLICITED COMMERCIAL E-MAIL (SPAM) MAIL POLICY**

In the event that any .TM domain is used either directly or indirectly for the purpose of directing unsolicited electronic mail ("spam mail") either as the originator of the spam mail or as the address to which readers of spam mail are referred, then nic.TM reserves the right to send a cease and desist letter to the registered Administrative Contact of the specified TM domain name. Should the Administrative Contact of the TM domain name fail to adhere to the conditions contained in the warning letter, then nic.TM reserves the right to suspend the operation of the offending .TM domain name until the necessary assurances are obtained from the Administrative Contact.