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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

"Draft Ministerial Decree adopting the National Plan for Internet Domain Names under the country code corresponding to Spain"

6. Products Concerned

The draft concerns Information Society services.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The aim of the new draft Decree adopting the National Plan for Internet Domain Names under the country code corresponding to Spain (".es") is to make a decisive step towards relaxing the standards applicable to the allocation of domain names under the (".es") suffix.

Most relevant amendments made in the new draft Plan.

In particular, the following aspects of the draft standard can be emphasised:

Significantly simplifies of the legitimacy rules required to be allocated of second-level domain names; Reduces the other existing limitations and prohibitions for the formation of domain names at this level; Establishes certain basic principles governing the system for the out-of-court settlement of disputes, which the allocation authority must develop.

Most relevant amendments for proposed in relation to second-level domain names:

The draft extends legitimacy for the allocation of domain names to any natural person or legal entity and entities without independent legal status which have interests in or links to Spain.

It also removes other current restrictions in the area of standards on the formation of domain names and greatly simplifies prohibitions applicable to the allocation of second-level domain names.

Previous measures allow prior verification tasks that must be carried out in order to grant of this type of domain name, to be reduced to a bare minimum.

The distinction between normal and special domain names in the previous Plan is removed, and a system of standard rules for the allocation of all second-level domain names is laid down.

In order to ensure adequate security and reliability, the draft maintains the rule prohibiting the transfer of domain names, thus discouraging abusive and speculative registrations, and the operative rule of the aforementioned

out-of-court dispute settlement system, the guiding principles of which are included in this Plan, and also retains the option of the allocation authority to verify on their own accord or at the request of a party that the requirements laid down in the Plan have been met.

Lastly, in order to avoid abusive situations in the initial phase of implementation of the new rules applicable to the ".es" suffix, a staggered registration period is laid down so that Public Administrations and industrial rights holders can register their names before the register of domain names is opened to the public.

As regards third-level domain names, the positive experience obtained in its management since its creation makes maintaining its regulation advisable, notwithstanding small adjustments deemed appropriate for legislative reasons.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

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10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts No.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No.

14. Fiscal measures

No.

15. Impact assessment

No.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspects.

a) NO.

b) i)

SPS Aspects.

a) NO.



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