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## "Draft Ministerial Decree adopting the national plan for Internet domain names under the country code corresponding to Spain".

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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**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The plan establishes a balanced system for assigning domain names. On the one hand, the second level shall continue to meet the objective of providing security and quality in the assignment of domain names, ensuring that Spanish companies and the proprietors of trade marks may use their usual corporate identity to identify themselves on the internet, thus providing confidence for end users and consumers in their e-commerce transactions on webpages ending in the suffix ".es". The plan also makes it easier to obtain an ".es" suffix because it makes the rules more flexible at the time of assigning second-level domain names, the only existing to this point.

On the other hand, new sub-domains are created: ".com.es", ".nom.es" and ".org.es", which provide space for more specific activities, and whose registration may take place online without being subject to specific requirements. This follows the international trend in favour of greater flexibility in registration standards for territorial domains in order to encourage a greater use of these instead of generic domain names, and to provide impetus to the growth of the Internet and national e-commerce.

Amongst the five sub-domains to be created, a distinction must be made between ".gob.es" and ".edu.es", which are geared toward the dissemination of public initiatives and projects and the promotion of educational activities and a safe space for use by children and young people, and ".com.es", ".org.es" and ".nom.es", intended for the execution of commercial activities, non-profit making activities and the creation of personal web pages, respectively.

The requirements to be requested from now on for assigning ".gob.es" and ".edu.es", being more flexible than those established under ".es", shall be confirmed before they are assigned. With regard to the above, a distinction shall be made between domain names assignable under ".com.es", ".org.es" and ".nom.es", which shall be registered automatically.



The new plan will promote the image of registering agents, who will contribute to the smooth running of domain name registrations and offer value-added services to users.

### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The draft Order adopting the national plan for internet domain names under the country code corresponding to Spain (".es") aims to update current legislation on the assignment of domain names under the suffix (".es") in line with the growth of the internet in Spain and the significant increase, in the last few years, of the demand existing for domain names using the suffix ".es".

### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

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### **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**

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