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# Zone File & Registry Database Access Policy

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# Zone File and Registry Database Access Policy

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## 1. Interpretation and Definitions

- 1.1. Except where expressly provided otherwise in this Policy, all terms used in this Policy, and defined in the .aeDA's Common Definition Policy (as amended from time to time) will carry the meaning ascribed to them in that Common Definition Policy.
- 1.2. Except where the context otherwise requires, the following principles will apply in interpreting the terms and words used in this Policy:
  - a) words importing the masculine, feminine or neuter gender include any of them, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
  - b) clause or section headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect the meaning of this Policy;
  - c) references to notice mean notice in writing;
  - d) the Schedules and any appendices or annexures form part of this Policy;
  - e) a reference to a Party includes its executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns; and
  - f) words and expressions importing natural persons include partnerships, bodies corporate, associations, governments, governmental and local authorities and agencies.

## 2. Purpose

- 2.1. The .aeDA manages the operation of the Zone Files and the Registry Database for the .ae ccTLD. Under no circumstances is any other party provided with access to the Zone Files, or the Registry Database, unless it is a;
  - 2.1.1. company or organisation that supplies secondary name server services;
  - 2.1.2. third party such as a government or law enforcement body that requires pertinent Zone File data.
- 2.2. In the event that Zone File or Registry Database access is required by a party, permission must be sought by applying directly to the .aeDA, and stating the purpose and reason for the request.
- 2.3. In every case, the applicant must agree to uphold strict guidelines that include:
  - 2.3.1. they must use the Zone File and Registry Database for lawful purposes only;
  - 2.3.2. preventing unauthorised access to the Zone File and Registry Database;
  - 2.3.3. they may not distribute the Zone File and Registry Database;

- 2.3.4. compliance with all applicable laws and regulations governing the use of the Zone File and Registry Database; and
- 2.3.5. take reasonable measures to protect against unauthorised access.

### **3. Zone Files**

A Zone File holds the DNS Resource Records for all Domain Names associated with the Zone, in this instance being the .ae ccTLD and all 2LDs under the .ae ccTLD.

It contains information that defines the mapping between each Domain Name and the Internet addresses of computers that can resolve Sub-Domains for the Domain Name to URLs.

### **4. Registry Database**

The Registry Database refers to the data maintained in electronic form in the Registry used to record, store and maintain details of Registered Names (other than Intellectual Property or non-public, proprietary or commercially sensitive information or property of the .aeDA used in establishing and maintaining the Registry or providing the Registry Services).

### **5. Policy**

Due to the importance of the data held within the Registry Zone Files and Database, from both a privacy and security perspective the .aeDA will continue to prohibit access to the Registry Zone Files and Database by any outside party.

There will only be exceptions to this exclusion if the .aeDA gives its ex-press authorisation after considering all the relevant circumstances including the party's purpose for seeking access.

Any access to the Registry Zone Files and/or Database, granted by the .aeDA, will be monitored to ensure the authorised party abides by the .aeDA's strict guidelines.

The .aeDA reserves the right to change the method of access to the data at any time and may, in the event of a service degradation or greater, suspend access to the data to prevent a possible threat to the stability and integrity of the Internet.

### **6. Policy review**

The .aeDA may update this Policy at any time in its complete discretion, including for the purpose of clarification.