### ANNEX .QUEST - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE .QUEST TLD

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In addition to Gandi's <u>General Terms and Conditions</u> of domain name registration, the registration and use of a .QUEST domain name implies the acceptance of and compliance to the present special conditions contained herein.

All legal information and contracts can be viewed at any time via Our <u>website</u>. Capitalized terms have the definition attributed to them in Our <u>General Terms and Conditions</u> of domain name registration. Specifically, "You" refers to the owner of the domain name, and "We" designates Gandi.

### Section .QUEST.1. Naming organization

.QUEST is a generic Top-Level-Domain (gTLD).

The entities involved in naming organization for .QUEST are:

· Trustee Authority:

ICANN: http://www.icann.org

· Registry:

XYZCOM LLC: <a href="https://nic.quest/">https://nic.quest/</a> Registry technical operator:

CentralNic: https://www.centralnic.com/

Registrar:

Gandi: http://gandi.net

You can view the information and special rules of each entity involved by clicking on the respective links.

# Section .QUEST.2. Registration policies

When You apply to register a .QUEST domain name, You acknowledge that You have fully understood and You have full knowledge of, and You agree to abide by all the rules and specific conditions of .QUEST domain names, as defined by ICANN and XYZCOM LLC, and which may be viewed at the following pages:

· Registry Policy:

https://nic.quest/registry-policies

ICANN consensus policies:

http://www.icann.org/en/general/consensus-policies.htm

These policies, that You acknowledge to have fully understood and to have accepted via Our website bind You to the .QUEST Registry. The present special conditions do not replace these rules, which are incorporated by reference, and are binding on Gandi and You.

The contract between ICANN and the .QUEST Registry is available at the following address:

http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/quest

# Section .QUEST.3. Launch phases

The .QUEST domain name launch will occur in several phases: Landrush, Early Access Period (EAP) and general opening.

The Landrush phase will run from December  $1^{st}$  2020 to February  $5^{th}$  2021.

EAP will run from February 10th 2021 to March 2nd 2021. Domain names registrations during this period will be subject to additional costs decreasing over time.

General opening is scheduled for March 2nd 2021.

These dates are not definitive and are subject to change by the Registry.

Preregistrations are available at Gandi: domain names can be ordered at that time, but the registration requests will be sent to the Registry only at the beginning of the corresponding period.

# Section .QUEST.4. Special requirements

.QUEST special requirements are available at:

### http://www.gandi.net/domain/quest/info

.QUEST domain names are open to anyone.

### Section .QUEST.5. Landrush

During Landrush period, anyone can register a domain name. Domain names are registered on an first come first served basis.

# Section .QUEST.6. EAP

During Early Access period (EAP), anyone can register a domain name at a higher price. The registration price during this period decreases over time as displayed on Our interface.

## Section .QUEST.7. "Trademark Claim Notice" period

In accordance with ICANN rules, during at least 90 days upon general opening, a "Trademark Claim Notice" period will run.

During this period if the domain name for which You requested registration is identical to a trademark that is registered and validated with TMCH (according to the "labels" generated), You will receive a warning notice ("Trademark Claim Notice") in real time on Our interface informing You that a third party has rights to the domain name You requested.

You must confirm or cancel Your registration request, with full knowledge of the notice and its consequences. It being specified that if You do not confirm the notice, Your request will not be sent to the Registry.

If You confirm Your registration request, third parties who own an identical mark are notified of Your registration.

For requests made in preregistration, beginning one day prior to the opening of the period concerned, Gandi will notify You by email of the "Trademark Claim Notice" and Your registration request will be put in "error" until You confirm or cancel Your registration via Our interface. It being specified that, in accordance with ICANN rules, if You do not confirm the notice, Gandi will not send Your registration request to the Registry upon the opening of the concerned period and cannot, in any case, be held liable for the non-registration of Your domain name and particularly if the domain name is registered by a third party who has validated the "Trademark Claim Notice" upon the opening of the period concerned.

It is Your sole and entire responsibility to confirm, if You want, all the notices received before the opening of the concerned period and the sending of Your request to the Registry.

## Section .QUEST.8. Reserved names

Some words are reserved or prohibited, in particular: http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/quest (specification 5. schedule of reserved names)

# Section .QUEST.9. Registration term

The registration term is 1 year for requests made during the Sunrise and EAP periods, and from 1 to 10 years for requests made during the general opening. To avoid any deactivation of the domain name, the renewal must be paid and funds cleared before the Expiration

date.

### Section .QUEST.10. Pricing

Our prices may be viewed at: https://www.gandi.net/domain/price/detail/quest

You expressly agree that non-standard domain names have non-uniform registration and renewal pricing such that the pricing for a domain name may differ from an other domain name.

Premium domain names are subject to specific prices as published on Our website during Your order.

For requests made in preregistration, if the domain name You have preregistered is a "premium" domain name that Gandi was not able to identify during Your order, Your request will be put in "error" and You will be notified by email. Then, You will be able to either pay the additional costs applicable to "premium" domain names in order to validate Your registration request or cancel Your request. It being specified that if You do not contact Our customer service department and do not pay the additional costs applicable to "premium" domain names, Your registration request will not be sent to the Registry.

### Section .QUEST.11. Personal data

You consent to the collect, use, copying, distribution, publication, in particular in the Registry public <u>Whois</u> database if applicable, modification and other processing of Your personal data by the Registry, its technical provider and their designees and agents for the purposes of providing Registry services as defined in the Registry agreement with ICANN and in accordance with the Registry privacy policy.

# Section .QUEST.12. Dispute resolution policy

The Registry has adopted the ICANN dispute resolution procedures UDRP (Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy) and URS (Uniform Rapid Suspension System) for .QUEST domains, that You agree fully abide by.

You may view general documentation on the UDRP procedure at the following addresses:

- ICANN domain name dispute resolution policies: http://www.icann.org/udrp
- explanations:

http://www.icann.org/en/udrp/udrp.htm

· Policy:

http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/policy.htm

- Rules:
- http://www.icann.org/dndr/udrp/uniform-rules.htm
- Dispute Resolution Service Providers: http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/approved-providers.htm

The URS rules are available at the following page: <a href="http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs">http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs</a>

# Section .QUEST.13. Transfer (change of Registrar)

The transfer-in process may be initiated on Our Interface. Before requesting the transfer of the domain name, please make sure You have the domain's authorization code (supplied by Your current Registrar), and that Your domain name:

- · does not have a TransferProhibited status.
- does not expire soon (We recommend that You start the transfer request at least 1 month prior to its Expiration),
- was created at least 60 days prior to the request,
- has not been transferred within the last 60 days.

Upon successfully transferring a domain name, the registration period is extended by 1 year.

# Section .QUEST.14. Ownership change

The ownership change process is available on Our Interface and requires the confirmation of both parties by e-mail.

The owner change of a domain name does not change the Expiration date.

## Section .QUEST.15. Deletion process

Upon the Expiration of the domain name, We suspend (Hold) the domain name for 45 days, during which time all associated technical services are deactivated. Late renewal at normal price is possible during this period.

Then the domain name goes into Redemption Period for an additional 30 days. It can only be restored during this period in accordance with the terms and conditions described on Our website and/or as communicated by Our customer service department.

If the domain name is neither renewed nor restored within these deadlines, the Registry shall place the domain name in "Pending Delete" status for several days, and then delete the domain name, which will become available for registration on a "first-come first-served" basis.

## Section .QUEST.16. Registrant obligations

You agree to provide and maintain accurate, reliable and up-to-date personal contact information. Failing to do so, the Registry may suspend and/or delete Your domain name.

You acknowledge to comply with all applicable laws including those that relate to privacy, data collection, consumer protection (including in relation to misleading and deceptive conduct) and applicable consumer laws in respect of fair lending, debt collection, organic farming (if applicable), disclosure of data and financial regulations.

If your are collecting and maintaining sensitive health and financial data, they must comply with applicable laws on the provision of such services and including security measures applicable to that sector.

You acknowledge and agree that distributing malware, abusively operating botnets, phishing, piracy, trademark or copyright infringement, fraudulent or deceptive practices, counterfeiting or otherwise engaging in activity contrary to applicable law are expressly prohibited. Failing to comply with this provision, You expose Yourself to the suspension of Your domain name, in addition to the prosecution for the prejudice caused to third parties and to the penalties mentioned under applicable law.

You commit Yourself to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Registry, its technical operator and their subcontractors, and their directors, officers, employees, agents and affiliates from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable legal fees and expenses, arising out of or relating to, for any reason whatsoever, the registration of Your domain name. This indemnification obligation shall survive the termination or expiration of the present contract, whatever may be the cause.

# Section .QUEST.17. Rights of the Registry

You acknowledge and accept that the Registry reserves the right to deny, cancel or transfer any registration or transaction, or place any domain name on registry lock, hold (suspension), or similar status as it deems necessary, in its unlimited and sole discretion:

- · to protect the integrity and stability of the domain names system,
- to comply with any applicable laws, government rules or requirements, requests of law enforcement, or any dispute resolution process,
- to avoid any civil or criminal liability on the part of the Registry and its technical operator, and their affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees,
- · per the terms of the present contract,
- to correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in

connection to the registration of a domain name.

The Registry also reserves the right to place Your domain name in « lock » status, « hold » status or similar status during resolution of a dispute.

When applicable You agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the initial launch of the Registry Extension, including without limitation the sunrise period and the land rush period, the

procedure and process for compliance with the ICANN Trademark Clearing house and any Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy, and further to acknowledge that Registry has no liability of any kind for any loss or liability resulting from the proceedings and processes relating to the sunrise period or the land rush period, including, without limitation: (a) the ability or inability of a registrant to obtain a Registered Name during these periods, and (b) the results of any dispute over a sunrise registration;

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