

## ANNEX .SO - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE .SO ccTLD

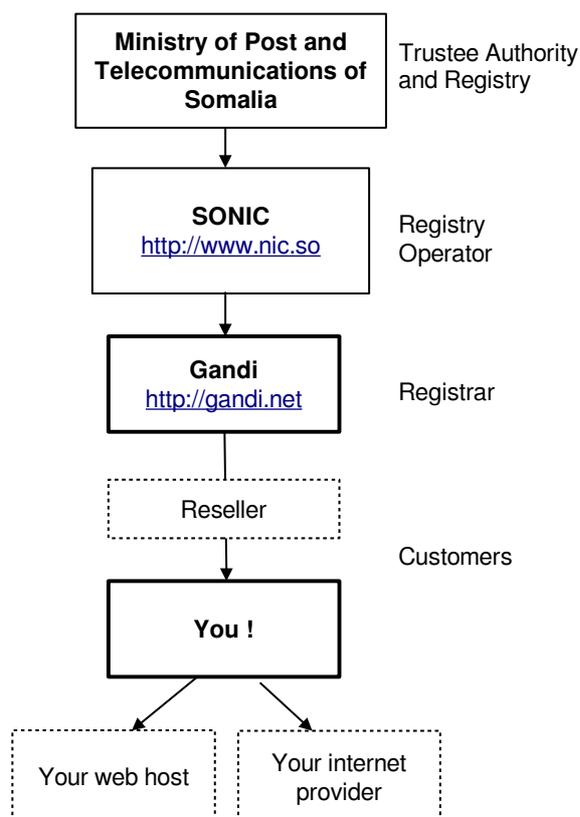
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In addition to Gandi's [General Terms and Conditions](#) for domain name registration, the registration and use of a .SO domain name implies the acceptance of and compliance to the present special conditions contained herein.

All Your legal information and contracts can be viewed at any time via Our [website](#). Capitalized terms have the definition attributed to them in Our [General Terms and Conditions](#) of Domain Name Registration. Specifically, "You" refers to the owner of the domain name, and "We" designates Gandi. Your current contracts are freely available for viewing when You log into Your account at: <http://www.gandi.net/admin/contracts/>.

### Section .SO.1. Trustee authority and Registry

.SO is the official country code Top-Level-Domain (ccTLD) of Somalia. The following diagram presents the various parties involved and the Trustee Authority for the .SO TLD:



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

### Section .SO.2. Registration terms and conditions

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

- Domain name Registration Policies: [http://www.nic.so/content/images/files/dotSO%20Domain%20Name%20Registration%20Policies\\_v1.1.pdf](http://www.nic.so/content/images/files/dotSO%20Domain%20Name%20Registration%20Policies_v1.1.pdf)

This contract is binding between You and the .SO Registry. The special conditions contained herein do not replace these rules, but rather form part of them. You acknowledge to have fully understood

and accepted these Rules on Our website.

### Section .SO.3. Special requirements

.SO special requirements are available at: <http://www.gandi.net/domain/so/info>

.SO domain names are open to persons having a bona fide connection to Somalia, which includes but are not limited to:

- institutions and organizations in Somalia,
- residents of Somalia,
- others who have a legitimate, clear and provable connection to Somalia.

The Registry can proceed to eligibility verifications at any time. If you can not justify Your link with Somalia, the Registry can delete Your domain name without any refund.

To register a .SO domain name, You must also agree to the following conditions:

- provide and maintain accurate, reliable and up-to-date personal contact information during the registration term of Your domain name, particularly in maintaining a working email address,
- You warrant that You shall participate in good faith in all procedures described in the Registry's [Domain name Registration Policies](#),
- some words are reserved or prohibited,
- names containing two characters followed by two hyphens are not allowed.

In addition, the Registry does not allow adult and gambling content.

### Section .SO.4. Registration term

The registration term is from 1 to 10 years. To avoid any deactivation of the domain name, the renewal must be paid and funds cleared **before the Expiration date**,

### Section .SO.5. Pricing

Our prices can be viewed at: <https://www.gandi.net/domain/price/detail/so/>

### Section .SO.6. Storage of contact information

You acknowledge and accept that the Registry and its authorized subcontractors and agents can access Your personal contact information and may make use of it (which includes the processing, copying, publishing and modification of it) and display it in the public Whois database, in accordance and compliance with relevant applicable data protection and privacy legislation, and for the sole purposes of allowing registration and management of Your domain name.

## **Section .SO.7. Dispute resolution policy**

The .SO Registry has adopted the ICANN Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) for .SO domains, that You agree fully abide by:

- Registration Policy (Chapter 4, 4.1):  
[http://www.nic.so/content/images/files/dotSO\\_Domain\\_Name\\_Registration\\_Policies\\_v1.1.pdf](http://www.nic.so/content/images/files/dotSO_Domain_Name_Registration_Policies_v1.1.pdf)

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 Provider (WIPO):  
[http://www.wipo.int/amc/fr/domains/ccld\\_db/codes/so.html](http://www.wipo.int/amc/fr/domains/ccld_db/codes/so.html)

## **Section .SO.8. Transfer (change of Registrar)**

The process is started on Our Interface. Before requesting the transfer of the domain, please be sure that 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 one month prior to its Expiration),
- was created and transferred at least 60 days prior to the request.

The transfer's completion requires Your confirmation (by e-mail).

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

## **Section .SO.9. Ownership change**

The ownership change process is available on Our Interface, it requires the confirmation of the two parties by e-mail.

The owner change of a .SO domain name does not change the

domain's Expiration date.

## **Section .SO.10. Deletion process**

**Upon the Expiration of the domain**, 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.

At this time, the domain name is placed in Quarantine status and can be restored, in accordance with the terms and conditions described on Our website and/or as communicated by Our customer service department. The length of the Quarantine period is 30 calendar days.

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

## **Section .SO.11. Registry's intervention**

You expressly acknowledge and accept that the Registry shall be entitled (but not obliged) to reject Your registration request, to delete Your domain name or transfer it to another person:

- if Your personal contact information is not complete and accurate, or is not in compliance with the registry's [Domain name Registration Policies](#),
- to protect the integrity and stability of the Registry system, and/or the registration and/or the management of the .SO domain name, or
- in order to comply with applicable laws and regulations, and/or any decision by a competent court, an administrative authority or a dispute resolution service provider, or
- to avoid any liability on behalf of the Registry, including its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, subcontractors and/or agents.

The Registry shall be entitled to suspend or delete any domain name in case of non-compliance or violation of the [Domain name Registration Policies](#).

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