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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Has the Cooperative Agreement been amended to remove Verisign's root zone maintainer obligations?

A: Yes, those functions will now be performed by Verisign for ICANN under the Root Zone Maintainer Service Agreement, which ICANN posted for public review at https://www.icann.org/iana_imp_docs/63-root-zone-maintainer-agreement-v-1-0

Q: Who will authorize changes to the root zone file?

A: ICANN will authenticate and verify submitted changes, which are then submitted to Verisign for publication, per the RZMA.

Q: Has the term of the .com Registry Agreement been extended?

A: Yes, the Department of Commerce has approved the extension as in the public interest. The registry agreement term now ends on November 30, 2024.

Q: Was the Cooperative Agreement extended?

A: No. However, the Department of Commerce has the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the Cooperative Agreement before it is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2018.

Q: Will the Department of Commerce extend the Cooperative Agreement?

A: The Department of Commerce has reserved the right to conduct a public interest review to determine whether the Cooperative Agreement should be extended.

Q: Will the public interest review result in changes to Verisign's pricing for .com domain name registrations?

A: The purpose of the public interest review will be solely to determine whether the Cooperative Agreement should be extended.

Q: What happens if issues arise during the public interest review?

A: The parties have agreed to work in good faith to reach mutual agreement to resolve any issues.