

Regulation for Opening Arabic Domain Name Registration under the IDN ccTLD “السعودية”

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1 Definitions

The terms and expressions defined in the Telecommunication Act and in its Bylaw as well as in the Regulation for Arabic Domain Name Registration under the IDN ccTLD (السعودية) shall have the same meaning in this regulation. In addition, the terms and expressions set out in this regulation shall have the following meanings assigned to them:

- **This Regulation:** This Regulation that regulate the opening of the Arabic Domain name registration under the IDN ccTLD “السعودية”.
- **SaudiNIC:** Saudi Network Information Center at CITC is the registration authority for the Saudi ccTLDs. SaudiNIC is responsible for providing Registration Services for the Saudi ccTLDs, as well as formulating and implementing policies procedures with regard to the Saudi ccTLDs and managing and operating their registries.
- **Sunrise Phase:** The period extending from 10:00 AM on Monday the 17th of Jumada’II 1431 H (31th of May 2010 G), to 10:00 AM on Monday the 30th of Rajab 1431 H (12th July 2010 G), during which SaudiNIC shall accept applications for registration of Arabic domain names from Qualified Registrants.
- **Landrush Phase:** The phase when SaudiNIC shall begin accepting applications for registration of Arabic domain names from members of the general public. The Landrush phase starts from 10:00 AM on Monday the 18th Shawwal 1431 H (27th September 2010 G).
- **Qualified registrant:** An entity or individual who has a registered trade name or mark with Ministry of Trade and Industry in Saudi Arabia, including all governmental or semi-governmental authorities and organizations.
- **ADNR:** The Arabic Domain Name Regulation under the IDN ccTLD (السعودية) , which is published on SaudiNIC’s website.

2 Statement of Purpose

2/1 This Regulation covers all aspects related to the opening of the Arabic Domain name registration under the IDN ccTLD “السعودية”.

2/2 The CITC board approves This Regulation and is valid from the date of its publishing, and shall remain in force until the Landrush Phase starts.

2/3 SaudiNIC shall have responsibility for managing the introduction of direct registration under the Arabic domain names, including authority to issue rules and procedures needed to implement This Regulation.

2/4 Opening of the Arabic domain names will occur in two phases:

- a) Sunrise Phase, during which a Qualified Registrant has an opportunity to apply for an Arabic domain name;
- b) Landrush phase, during which any eligible person or entity may apply for an Arabic domain name on a “first come, first served” basis.

3 Sunrise Phase

3/1 Before opening the Arabic domain name registration to the public, only qualified registrants are given the opportunity to register Arabic domain names that correspond to their Arabic official or commercial names as they appear in the commercial registrations, trademark registration certificates, or the official name in case of governmental entities (without alternation, abbreviation, or translation), during the Sunrise phase in a fair, transparent, secure and auditable manner without overwhelming SaudiNIC’s limited resources.

3/2 Registration applications submitted during the Sunrise Phase must be complete and comply with all terms and conditions of ADNR and other SaudiNIC’s related regulations and procedures.

3/3 By end of the Sunrise Phase, no Arabic domain name registration applications will be accepted until the start of the Landrush phase.

3/4 SaudiNIC may verify whether an application meets the requirements of This Regulation before processing it.

3/5 SaudiNIC may grant qualified registrants, who applied during the Sunrise Phase, an extension of a period not more than seven days from the date of notifying them and for one time only to manage any default or deficiency in their applications.

3/6 During the Sunrise Phase, if more than one application from different qualified registrants for the same Arabic domain name that meet the requirements of This Regulation were received, the priority will be given to applications from governmental and semi-governmental entities. Otherwise, priority will be based on earliest documentations (e.g., Commercial Registration dates, Trademark certificate date) that are identical to the requested Arabic domain names.

3/7 SaudiNIC shall notify all Registrants, who have submitted Arabic domain name registration application during the Sunrise Phase, of their application results by e-mail or other appropriate means chosen by SaudiNIC before the beginning of the Landrush phase.

3/8 All applications for the Sunrise Phase must be processed and announced through the publication of the WHOIS before the beginning of the Landrush phase.

3/9 The assignment of any domain name registration, during this phase, shall not give the registrant any legal right or any form of properties rights to this domain name

4 Landrush Phase

4/1 The Landrush phase starts after completing the Sunrise Phase, where any entity or individual can register Arabic domain names on a “first come, first served” basis according to ADNR’s terms and conditions as well as other SaudiNIC’s regulations and procedures.

5 General rules

5/1 In addition to the information provided in the application, SaudiNIC reserves the right to demand any further documents or information from a Registrant. Documents and information must be submitted within the time period and according to the format and method directed by SaudiNIC. If the Registrant fails to deliver the additional documents or information within the determined time period or in the requested format or method, SaudiNIC may reject an Application or cancel registration.

5/2 SaudiNIC may suspend Arabic domain name transfer for a period up to 180 days following the start of the Landrush phase. Exceptions are for domain names that are subject to orders of transfer pursuant to CITC’s Domain Name Objection Regulation or from any court of competent jurisdiction or concerned official Saudi entity.

5/3 Registrants of domain names under This Regulation shall comply with all terms and conditions of the ADNR, except as otherwise specified in this Regulation.

5/4 SaudiNIC shall have authority to contract with third parties in connection with any of the services that SaudiNIC offers or any activities that it needs to carry out.

5/5 SaudiNIC shall publish This Regulation on the SaudiNIC website at least 30 days prior to the Sunrise Period.

5/6 SaudiNIC shall have the authority, if needed, to amend the timing and dates mentioned in This Regulation. The new modifications must be published on SaudiNIC’s website before the changed date.

5/7 All times mentioned in this document are in local time of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Hijri calendar is according to Umm AlQura calendar.

5/8 SaudiNIC has the right to protect or register Arabic domain names concerning domains registration service before the start of any phase.