ANNEX .CAT - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE .CAT TLD

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In addition to Gandi's General Terms and Conditions for domain name registration, the registration and use of a .CAT 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 .CAT.1. Trustee authority and Registry

.CAT is a TLD reserved for people promoting the Catalan language and culture. The following diagram presents the various parties involved and the Trustee Authority for the .CAT TLD:
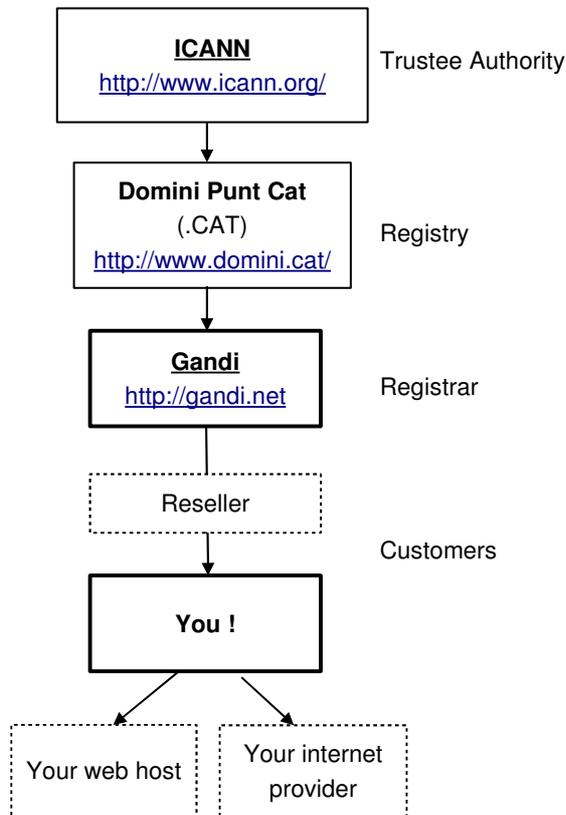
You can view the information and special rules of each party involved by clicking on the respective links.

Section .CAT.2. Registration terms and conditions

When You apply to register a .CAT 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 .CAT domain names, as defined by Domini Punt Cat, and which may be viewed at the following pages:

- Registration Policy:
  http://www.domini.cat/normativa/en_normativa_registre.html
- Registration Agreement:
  http://www.domini.cat/media/upload/arxius/cat-RegistrationAgrmt.pdf
- Charter:
  http://www.domini.cat/media/upload/arxius/charter.pdf

These contracts are binding between You and the .CAT 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 .CAT.3. Special requirements

.CAT special requirements are available on:
http://www.gandi.net/domain/cat/info

.CAT domain names are open to anyone that meets the following eligibility criteria:

- You must develop activities (in any language) that promote the Catalan language and culture,

- **You will publish a website on the internet, within 6 months following Your .CAT domain name registration, which must be fully or partly in Catalan language.**

We do not and shall not verify beforehand whether or not a .CAT domain name is registered and used in accordance with the aforementioned eligibility restrictions. The fact that You may register Your domain name via Our service does not presuppose that You have abided by these conditions; Gandi cannot be held liable for any consequences thereof.

No alleged infringement of these restriction conditions shall be directly rectified either by Gandi or the Registry. Rather, they may be sanctioned through the ".cat ERDRP" process (section 6), such as described on Domini Punt Cat's website, that You agree to fully comply with.

To register for a .CAT domain name, You must abide by the following conditions:

- the registration term is 1 up to 10 years;
- to avoid any deactivation or deletion of the domain name, the

renewal must be paid and funds cleared **before the Expiration date**;
- some words are reserved, in particular the ICANN-reserved names;
- names containing two hyphens in sequence are not allowed;
- Gandi does not provide « Defensive Registration » services.

Following .CAT domain name registrations, the Registry sends You an email reminding You that You automatically accepted the Registry's terms during the registration of Your domain name.

Section .CAT.4. Pricing

Our prices can be viewed on:
https://www.gandi.net/domain/price/detail/cat/

Section .CAT.5. Storage of contact information

In application of ICANN contracts, all personal and technical information associated with the registration of Your domain name is recorded and made available to ICANN and IRON MOUNTAIN (ICANN's designated Registrar Data Escrow agent), in addition to messages pertaining to each registration or modification, during the entire duration of the registration of the domain name, plus the three following years.

You accept that .CAT Registry can access to Your personal data and display them in a public Whois database.

Individuals (natural persons) can opt-out of disclosing some personal information from the Registry Whois public database.

The Registry may request a verification of Your personal data. In this case, You must reply within fifteen (15) calendar days, otherwise the domain will be placed on HOLD status.

Section .CAT.6. Dispute resolution policy

The .CAT Registry has adopted several Alternative Dispute Resolution Policies:
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Policies:
  http://domini.cat/normativa/en_normativa_procediments.html
- WIPO documentation:
  http://www.wipo.int/amc/en/domains/gtld/cat/index.html

The .CAT Registry has adopted the ICANN Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) for .CAT 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

In addition, the .CAT Registry has implemented additional special rules to resolving disputes pertaining to the infringement of .CAT eligibility conditions, the "ERDRP" (Eligibility Restrictions Dispute Resolution Policy), that You agree fully abide by:
- Policy:
  http://domini.cat/media/upload/arxius/Politica.ERDRP.v1.pdf
- Rules:
  http://domini.cat/media/upload/arxius/ERDRP.Reglament.v1.pdf
- Additional Rules:
  http://domini.cat/media/upload/arxius/ERDRP.Reglament.IQUA.v1.pdf
- Dispute Resolution Service Provider (IQUA):
  http://www.iqua.net/

The .CAT Registry has also adopted a optional mediation procedure:
- Policy:
  http://domini.cat/media/upload/arxius/Politica.Mediacio.v1.pdf
- Rules:
  http://domini.cat/media/upload/arxius/Reglament.Mediacio.v1.pdf
- Dispute Resolution Service Provider (IQUA):
  http://www.iqua.net/

Section .CAT.7. 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 expire soon (We recommend that you start the transfer request at least one month prior to its Expiration);
- was created and/or 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 .CAT.8. Ownership change

The ownership change process is available on Our Interface.

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

Section .CAT.9. Deletion process

Upon the Expiration of the domain, We suspend (Hold) the domain name for 30 days, during which time all associated technical services are deactivated. Late renewal at normal price is possible during this period.

Then, the domain name is placed on 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.

Attachment: [Registry contract](#)

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