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Chapter I: General Provisions

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of the General Terms and Conditions is to regulate matters relating to the management of domain names in accordance with Article 13 of the "Act on Internet Address Resources" (hereinafter referred to as the "Act").

Article 2 (Definitions)

The definitions of terms used in these General Terms and Conditions are as follows:

1. Authorized Agency shall refer to an internet address registration agency accredited by the National Internet Domain Agency of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "NIDA") for the purpose of participating in the administration of internet address registration on behalf of NIDA in accordance with Article 2.6 of the Act.
2. "Registrant" shall refer to the holder of a registered domain name and who uses the internet address in accordance with Article 2.4 of the Act.
3. "Applicant" shall refer to an individual or a legal entity applying for the registration of a domain name
4. "Admin Contact" shall refer to an individual or a legal entity delegated, by the registrant, the authority to administer the domain name.

Article 3 (Scope of the General Terms and Conditions)

These General Terms and Conditions shall apply to all services related to the administration of .kr domain names.

Chapter 2 : Registration and Administration of Domain Names

Article 4 (Registrant Qualifications)

- ① Registrants must have a postal address of their place of residence in Korea.
- ② Domain names below the specific third level domains are registered according to their respective purposes prescribed in Appendix 1.

Article 5 (Registration Requirements)

- ① The requirements for third level domains are as follows:
 1. Letters of the alphabet [A to Z] or [a to z], numbers [0 to 9], and hyphens are available for use for domain names.
 2. A domain name shall contain a minimum of 2 characters and a maximum of 63 characters.
 3. A domain name shall not begin or end with a hyphen.

② Requirements for second level domains are as follows:

1. A second level domain name must contain Hangeul characters (2,350 characters). Letters of the alphabet [A 1 numbers [0 to 9], and hyphens are also available for second level domain name use with the exception of a com numbers and hyphens only.
2. A domain name shall contain a minimum of 3 characters and a maximum of 63 characters, unless it contains case it shall contain a minimum of 2 characters and a maximum of 17 characters.
3. A domain name shall not begin or end with a hyphen.

Article 6 (Responsibility of the Registrant)

① Requirements for third level domains are as follows:

1. Registrants shall ensure that all information in the registration records of a domain name is up-to-date, comp
2. Upon registration of a domain name, it is the registrant's responsibility to take any necessary steps to avoid in rights of others, in violation of the law.

Article 7 (Authorized Agencies for Domain Name Registration)

NIDA shall accredit authorized Agencies to provide registration services on behalf of NIDA in accordance with Art Act.

Article 8 (Application)

The applicant shall submit an application as provided in Appendix 2 to NIDA via an Authorized Agency and provi information on the application :

1. the domain name applied for;
2. the name and address of the applicant, a copy of the certificate, and the certificate number;
3. the name, address and email address of the administrator;
4. name server information;
5. other information required by NIDA or Authorized Agency

Article 9 (Registration)

- ① The applications are registered in the NIDA database on a first-come, first-served basis. If bulk applications a be submitted simultaneously, NIDA may register the application by means such as drawing upon prior notificati
- ② NIDA reserves the right to restrict the registration of certain domain names in the public interest and in the ir management of the domain name system.

Article 10 (Modification of Registration Record)

- ① Registrants may modify the registration record of their domain names through the Authorized Agency.
- ② Upon receiving a registrant's request to modify the registration record, NIDA shall update the registrant's info database.

Article 11 (Termination of Registration/Deletion of Domain Names)

- ① NIDA is entitled to terminate the registration of a domain name in the following circumstances:
 1. when a month has passed from the date that the registration record has been confirmed as being incomplete
 2. when a month has passed from the date that the registrant has requested the deletion of the domain name;
 3. when the fees have not been paid for up to one (1) month after the expiration date;
 4. when a month has passed from the date that the registrant was confirmed as having failed to meet the requir described in Article 4 or 5.
- ② As provided in the foregoing Paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof, domain names are placed on an 'on-hold' status for (1) month before deletion.

- ③ Domain names that are placed on an 'on-hold' status shall be restored only when appropriate actions are taken by the registrant to resolve the cause of the suspension of the domain name.
- ④ When deleting a domain name in accordance with Article 1, NIDA or the Authorized Agency shall notify the registrant of the grounds for said deletion by email or other wise in writing.

Article 12 (Domain Name Dispute Resolution)

- ① The Internet Address Dispute Resolution Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") shall receive and handle domain name dispute resolution in accordance with the Internet Address Dispute Resolution Policy (hereinafter referred to as "IDRP").
- ② Upon the committee's request to lock the registration record of a domain name, NIDA or the Authorized Agency shall lock the registration record of the domain name.
- ③ NIDA or the Authorized Agency shall take appropriate actions in the following circumstances:
 - 1. Where a finding has been made by the committee in accordance with Article 20.4 of the Act;
 - 2. Where a determination under the IDRP has been finalized;
 - 3. Where a court order has entered into effect.

Chapter 3 : Domain Names Fees

Article 13 (Fees)

- ① The applicant or the registrant of a domain name shall pay domain name registration fees determined by each Authorized Agency to the Authorized Agency.
- ② The Authorized Agency shall pay the maintenance fee for the registration or renewal of domain names to NIDA in accordance with Appendix 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

Article 14 (Fee Reduction)

NIDA may reduce any part or the whole of the domain name maintenance fee provided that such a reduction is in accordance with the Act for the promotion of .kr domain names and internet utilization.

Chapter 4 : Accreditation, Management and Supervision of Authorized Agencies

Article 15 (Accreditation of Authorized Agencies, etc)

- ① NIDA may accredit Authorized Agencies to delegate the responsibilities associated with domain name registration in accordance with the provision of Article 14 of the Act.
- ② An entity may be accredited as an Authorized Agency where it meets the following requirements:
 - 1. It shall be rated at B level or above by an operator of a credit information business as defined in Article 2 of the Credit Information Protection Act
 - 2. It shall have a network connected to the internet by means of a designated T1 level or above line and
 - 3. It shall be issued with certification of the Security Check on Information demonstrating that it has completed the protection guidelines on information and communications network and information in accordance with the Act on the Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, Etc.
- ③ NIDA shall give a public notification of the application period for accreditation of Authorized Agency at least once a year.

Article 15-2 (Accreditation Process, etc.)

- ① Any person seeking to be an Authorized Agency shall submit to NIDA the application as set forth in Exhibit 1 (Application for Accreditation) and the following documents thereto:
 - 1. Documents to prove that the applicant meets the requirements under Article 15 (2)
 - 2. Business proposal of the Domain Name Registration Service and
 - 3. Certificate of payment of application fee as set forth in Schedule 3.

② NIDA will accredit an applicant as an Authorized Agency if and when it believes that the application meets the accreditation.

③ The person accredited as an Authorized Agency in accordance with Paragraph 2 shall enter into a registration NIDA, and shall pay the performance bond for the registration agent agreement as set forth in Schedule 3 to NII

Article 16 (Condition for Disqualification)

An entity, whose accreditation has been cancelled in accordance with Article 23, can only be re-accredited as the Agency after 2 years have elapsed from the date of cancellation.

Article 17 <Deleted by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Oct. 24, 2005>

Article 18 <Deleted by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Oct. 24, 2005>

Article 19 <Deleted by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Oct. 24, 2005>

Article 20 (Assignment and Merger)

① Any person seeking to be assigned domain name registration service authorizations shall obtain the approval of

② The surviving company or a newly incorporated company as a result of a merger with an Authorized Agency, perform domain name registration services after the merger, shall obtain the approval of NIDA.

③ NIDA, in granting approval pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 2, shall examine if the assignee or company or the newly incorporated company as a result of a merger meets the requirements under Article 15 (2

Article 21 <Deleted by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Oct. 24, 2005>

Article 22 (Discontinuance of Registration Services and Liquidation of Legal Entity)

① Where an Authorized Agency seeks to discontinue providing registration services, said Authorized Agency shall inform registrants and NIDA 30 days prior to its intended date of discontinuance.

② In the case of an Authorized Agency's liquidation (due to causes other than a merger), the person in charge shall immediately inform NIDA.

Article 23 (Cancellation of Accreditation and Suspension of Registration Services)

① NIDA may cancel the accreditation or suspend the registration services of an Authorized Agency for a period not exceeding (1) year if such Authorized Agency:

1. Has been accredited by means of deceit or any other improper means;
2. Fails to commence service within three (3) months from the date on which accreditation is granted, or suspends services for ten (10) consecutive days or more;
3. Has employees taking advantage of their position/s as an Authorized Agency to pre-occupy domain names;
4. In the event the registration services, in whole or in part, are suspended for a period not less than 24 business hours where notice is not provided to NIDA of the reason for suspension or the schedule relating to when services will resume;
5. Endangers the domain name registration system of NIDA or its operations
6. Impedes the promotion and proliferation of the registration and use of domain names;
7. In the event it breaches any provisions of these Rules or other matters set forth by NIDA, and receives a notice of breach from NIDA, and fails to remedy the breach thereof;
8. <Deleted by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Oct. 24, 2005>
9. Fails to meet the requirements set forth in accordance with Article 15 (2) <Inserted by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Oct. 24, 2005>
10. Fails to maintain at least 500 .kr domains as of Dec. 1st of each year beginning with the following year of withdrawal

accredited as an Authorized Agency. <Inserted by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on 2009. 12. 24.>

② In the event the accreditation is cancelled in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 1, the Authorized Agency shall promptly transfer any and all information with regard to domain name registration services in its possession to the designee of NIDA.

③ NIDA may, where necessary, compose a committee to determine whether or not to cancel the accreditation of registration services, in whole or in part, of an Authorized Agency in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 1.

④ NIDA may allow the said Authorized Agency to submit a comment before it cancels the accreditation or suspends registration services, in whole or in part, of the Authorized Agency in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 1.

Chapter 5 : Protection of Registration Records and Facilities

Article 24 (Collection of Registration Records)

① The Authorized Agencies shall collect registration records described in Article 8.1 through 8.5, under the consent of the registrant.

② The Authorized Agencies shall provide the information collected in accordance with the previous paragraph to the registrant to the need to do so in its registration policy.

Article 25 (Protection of Registration Records)

① NIDA and the Authorized Agency shall refrain from providing any information collected in accordance with Article 24 to a third party, or use the information beyond the scope stated in the registration policy, except in the following cases:

1. Domain name directory services provided by NIDA (WHOIS service)
2. Where otherwise prescribed by any relevant act
3. In the event any government or its department or agent requests such information as mentioned in Subparagraph 2 in order to perform its responsibilities as prescribed by any applicable act.

② The scope of information provided in WHOIS is as follows:

1. domain name
2. name and address of the registrant
3. name, telephone number, and email address of the administrator
4. name server information
5. name of the Authorized Agency
6. registration date, latest date of modification, expiration date

Article 26 (Protection of Facilities)

NIDA will take the following measures to ensure the protection of its facilities:

1. protective measures against electronic infringement
2. protective measures against physical infringement
3. protective measures against possible disasters
4. administrative measures for the security of facilities

CHAPTER 6 : SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Article 27 (Miscellaneous)

For matters not specified in these General Terms and Conditions, related rules determined by the president of NIDA shall apply.

ADDENDA

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

These General Terms and Conditions shall enter into effect on the date authorized by the Minister of Information and Communications.

Communication.

Article 2 (Transitional Matters Concerning Authorized Agencies)

Authorized Agencies accredited by NIDA at the time of entry into the effect of these General Terms and Conditions respectively deemed to be authorized Agencies accredited by NIDA as provided for hereunder.

ADDENDA (Amended by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Oct. 24, 2005)

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

These Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management shall enter into effect on the date authorized by the Information and Communication

ADDENDA (Amended by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Mar. 13, 2006)

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

These Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management shall enter into effect on the date authorized by the Information and Communication.

ADDENDA (Amended by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Sep. 7, 2006)

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

These Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management shall enter into effect on the date authorized by the Information and Communication

ADDENDA (Amended by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Feb. 27, 2007)

These Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management shall enter into effect from Feb. 27, 2007.

ADDENDA (Amended by the Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management on Jul. 5, 2007)

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

These Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management shall enter into effect on the date authorized by the Information and Communication.

Article 2 (Transitional Provision Concerning Authorized Agencies)

① Notwithstanding the amendment of Article 15 (2), the previous provisions shall apply to the Authorized Agencies accredited by NIDA at the time of entry into effect of these Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management for one (1) year from the enforcement date hereof.

② For Authorized Agencies accredited by NIDA at the time of entry into effect of these Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management, the following year under Subparagraph 10 of Article 23 (1) shall be 2008.

appendix 1 : Qualifications for Second Level Domain

Registrants must abide by the following terms and conditions

- 1) Registrants must have a local presence within Korea
- 2) Registrants must meet certain criteria that is classified by characteristics of the 2nd level domains

2nd Level Domains	Criteria	Qualifications
co	commercial companies	

ne	network related organizations	
or	non-profit organizations	legal entity or natural person
re	research institutes	
pe	individuals	natural person
go	governmental authorities	Korean governmental authorities that are organized according to the laws of Korea
mil	military authorities	military authorities that are organized and exist according to the laws of Korea
ac	college/universities	Educational institutions established according to the Framework Act on Education, the Higher Education Act and other special Acts
hs	high schools	high schools that are organized and exist according to the laws of Korea
ms	middle schools	middle schools that are organized and exist according to the laws of Korea
es	elementary schools	elementary schools that are organized and exist according to the laws of Korea
sc	schools & educational institutes	any school or education institutes that have been established according to the laws of Korea
kg	kindergarten	kindergartens that are organized and exist according to the laws of Korea
seoul	Seoul	any organization, company and/or individuals that region
busan	Busan	
daegu	Daegu	
incheon	Incheon	
gwangju	Gwangju	
daejeon	Daejeon	
ulsan	Ulsan	
gyeonggi	Gyeonggi	
gangwon	Gangwon	
chungbuk	Chungbuk	
chungnam	Chungnam	
jeonbuk	Jeonbuk	
jeonnam	Jeonnam	
gyeongbuk	Gyeongbuk	
gyeongnam	Gyeongnam	

jeju	Jeju
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appendix2 : Domain Name Maintenance Fees

category	fee	
all domains (except pe.kr)	KW 9,500 / year	registration/r
pe.kr	KW 7,000 / year	registration/r

appendix 3 : Accreditaion of Authorized Agency Fees

Classification	Amount	Remarks
Application fee	KRW 1,000,000 / application	Paid in Cash (VAT, not in
Performance bond	KRW 50 million	Paid in cash or certifi

[Exhibit: Form 1]

Application for Accreditation of Authorized Agency				
Date of Receipt				Receipt No.
Applicant	Company			Entity Registration No.
	Name of Representative			Phone No. 1
				Phone No. 2
	Address (Principal Office)			
<p>The undersigned hereby applies for accreditation as an Authorized Agency in accordance with Article 14 of the [Address Resources] and Article 15-2 of the [Rules on Domain Name Registration and Management].</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Applica</p> <p>To the President of the National Internet Development Agency of Korea, Esq.</p>				
Attachment				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 copy of Transcript of Commercial Registry 2. Documents to prove that the applicant meets the requirements under Article 15 (2) 3. Business proposal of Domain Name Registration Service 4. Certificate of Payment of Fee 				



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