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## **ARGENTINA**

### **Domain names**

We inform you that the National Domain Name Registrar has issued two Resolutions which were duly published in the Official Gazette of September 10, 2019 and which are in force as of the following day.

#### *1) Resolution 43/2019*

By means of this Resolution the cited entity has established the minimum and maximum quantities of characters which a domain name can comprise, which as of yesterday are between one (1) and fifty (50) excluding the reference to the character corresponding to the domain name's extension.

#### *2) Resolution 45/2019*

This Resolution has launched the registration of domain names under the extension “.ar”

The registration has been launched in three stages:

*i) First stage:* Between September 11, 2019 and November 9th, 2019, only registrants of actual valid domain names under any of the extensions *.com.ar*; *.net.ar*; *.tur.ar*; *.org.ar* e *.int.ar* (named “preferred domain names”) are able to apply for the registration of identical domain names under the extension *.ar*.

“Preferred domain names” are the ones registered in any of the above cited extensions before December 1, 2015 and which expiration date was August 27, 2019.

At the end of this stage, if only one application is received, the domain name shall be registered to the applicant. If more than one application are received (example: 2 different domain names of 2 different applicants in 2 different extensions –i.e.: *.org.ar* and *.com.ar*) the grant shall be resolved by means of a ballot executed by the Buenos Aires City Lottery.

*ii) Second stage:* Between November 25, 2019 and January 23rd, 2020, registration is open for any user who applies for an available domain name under the extension “.ar” upon payment of the corresponding official fee.



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If only one application is received, the domain name shall be registered to the applicant against the payment of the remainder of the official fee. If more than one application are received the grant shall also be resolved by means of a ballot executed by the Buenos Aires City Lottery.

*iii)Third stage:* Finally, as of January 23, 2020 onwards, available “.ar” domain names will be opened for registration on a “first come first serve” basis.

Should you have any comments please let us know.

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