

ICANN's 2026 New gTLD Applicant Process

Q5.2-1 Financial Self-Certification

Substrate Registry LLC

Applicant: Substrate Registry LLC
Entity Number: SRL2688T
Applied-for gTLD String: .SUBSTRATE

I, Jame Proud, in my capacity as CEO of Substrate Registry LLC, is duly authorized to certify these statements.

- Applicant (Substrate Registry LLC) will no later than the delegation of the Top Level Domain (TLD), establish a dedicated abuse point of contact responsible for addressing matters requiring expedited attention and providing a timely response to abuse complaints concerning any name registered in the TLD [Question Set 19, Question 221, SC5.2-1.1]
- Applicant (Substrate Registry LLC) will no later than the delegation of the Top Level Domain (TLD), establish, publish, and provide to ICANN the location of a mechanism for members of the public to submit reports of abuse in accordance with the current obligations of the Base Registry Agreement and any Consensus Policy. [Question Set 19, Question 221, SC5.2-1.2]
- Applicant (Substrate Registry LLC) has developed proposed measures for removal of orphan glue records for names removed from the zone when provided with evidence in written form that the glue is present in connection with malicious conduct [Question Set 19, Question 220, SC5.2-1.3]
- Applicant (Substrate Registry LLC) will have at time of delegation, established policies for handling complaints regarding abuse. Such policies are to be maintained and posted publicly so that anyone can review the policies via the Internet and any other means deemed appropriate by Applicant. Applicant's policies at a minimum should contain appropriate confirmation of the receipt of the abuse report, the process of review of the report, and actions that will be taken in the Applicant confirms that the report is legitimate. [Question Set 19, Question 220, SC5.2-1.4]
- Applicant (Substrate Registry LLC) understands that ICANN's definition of DNS Abuse is Phishing, Malware, Botnets, Pharming and Spam (when used to deliver other forms of DNS Abuse). Applicant understands and is prepared to contribute to the mitigation or disruption of DNS Abuse in domains in the TLD Zone.[Question Set 19, Question 220, SC5.2-1.5]

- Applicant (Substrate Registry LLC) abuse response capabilities are resourced appropriately to ensure a timely and adequate investigation and response to reports of DNS Abuse, including the capabilities to receive and evaluate evidence of DNS Abuse in reports and to take action to stop or disrupt the DNS Abuse. [Question Set 19, Question 220, SC5.2-1.6]
- Applicant (Substrate Registry LLC) is prepared to conduct periodic scans of its zone to identify if domains are being used to perpetrate DNS Abuse, and to maintain statistical reports of the scans, the findings, and actions taken. [Question Set 19, Question 220, SC5.2-1.7]

James Proud

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CEO
Substrate Registry LLC

Date: 8/10/2026