

ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL DECISION

AOSTE v. Anand Arnaud Pajaniradjane, Shaplai
Case No. D2026-2456

1. The Parties

The Complainant is AOSTE, France, represented by Fidal, France.

The Respondent is Anand Arnaud Pajaniradjane, Shaplai, United States of America.

2. The Domain Name and Registrar

The disputed domain name <cochonou.org> is registered with NameCheap, Inc. (the “Registrar”).

3. Procedural History

The Complaint was filed with the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (the “Center”) on June 5, 2026. On June 8, 2026, the Center transmitted by email to the Registrar a request for registrar verification in connection with the disputed domain name. On June 9, 2026, the Registrar transmitted by email to the Center its verification response disclosing registrant and contact information for the disputed domain name which differed from the named Respondent (No information provided) and contact information in the Complaint. The Center sent an email communication to the Complainant on June 11, 2026, providing the registrant and contact information disclosed by the Registrar, and inviting the Complainant to submit an amendment to the Complaint. The Complainant filed an amendment to the Complaint on June 15, 2026.

The Center verified that the Complaint together with the amendment to the Complaint satisfied the formal requirements of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the “Policy” or “UDRP”), the Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the “Rules”), and the WIPO Supplemental Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the “Supplemental Rules”).

In accordance with the Rules, paragraphs 2 and 4, the Center formally notified the Respondent of the Complaint, and the proceedings commenced on June 18, 2026. In accordance with the Rules, paragraph 5, the due date for Response was July 8, 2026. The Respondent did not submit any formal response, however sent email communications to the Center on June 11, 2026, and July 23, 2026.

The Center appointed Knud Wallberg as the sole panelist in this matter on July 24, 2026. The Panel finds that it was properly constituted. The Panel has submitted the Statement of Acceptance and Declaration of Impartiality and Independence, as required by the Center to ensure compliance with the Rules, paragraph 7.

4. Factual Background

The Complainant, COCHONOU, is a distribution company specializing in dry sausage, that was established in 1971.

The Complainant is the owner of a large portfolio of trademarks worldwide including the following registrations:

- (i) International Trademark Registration No. 522511 COCHONOU registered on March 24, 1988, for goods in international classes 29, 30 and 31, and
- (ii) European Union Trademark Registration No. 018647754 COCHONOU registered on December 15, 2022, for goods and services in international classes 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 35, 41 and 43.

The Complainant is also the owner of following domain names <cochonou.fr> and <cochonou.com>.

The disputed domain name was registered on March 12, 2026, and at the time of filing the Complaint, the disputed domain name did not resolve to an active website.

5. Parties' Contentions

A. Complainant

The Complainant contends that it has satisfied each of the elements required under the Policy for a transfer of the disputed domain name.

Notably, the Complainant contends that the disputed domain name is confusingly similar to the Complainant's COCHONOU trademark, that the Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in the disputed domain name and that the disputed domain name was registered and is being used in bad faith. Regarding the contention of bad faith use the Complainant refers to the doctrine of passive holding which states that the non-use of a domain name (including a blank or "coming soon" page) does not prevent a finding of bad faith under the UDRP.

B. Respondent

As mentioned above in section 3, the Respondent did not file a formal response, but the Respondent did submit emails to the Complainant and to the Center, in which it stated that it was willing to transfer the disputed domain name to the Complainant.

6. Discussion and Findings

In accordance with paragraph 4(a) of the UDRP, the Complainant must prove that:

- (i) the disputed domain name is identical or confusingly similar to a trademark or service mark in which the Complainant has rights; and
- (ii) the Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the disputed domain name; and
- (iii) the disputed domain name has been registered and is being used in bad faith.

The Respondent has confirmed in an email communication to the Center that he consents to transfer the disputed domain name to the Complainant, and the Panel finds that this forms sufficient basis for an immediate order to transfer the disputed domain name to the Complainant. See section 4.10 of the WIPO Overview of WIPO Panel Views on Select UDRP Questions, "[WIPO Overview 3.1](#)"; *Leica Microsystems IR GmbH v. Tong Chuang*, WIPO Case No. [D2016-2316](#); and *Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. v. Domains By*

Proxy, LLC / Adam Bruce, Mixspace Ltd, WIPO Case No. [D2018-1460](#).

In addition, the Panel notes that there is no doubt that the Complainant owns valid and existing trademark rights in the COCHONOU mark, that this mark is clearly recognizable in the disputed domain name, that the Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in the disputed domain name and that the disputed domain name, was registered and used in bad faith.

Accordingly, on the basis of the above, the Panel will order such a transfer to the Complainant.

7. Decision

For the foregoing reasons, in accordance with paragraphs 4(i) of the Policy and 15 of the Rules, the Panel orders that the disputed domain name <cochonou.org> be transferred to the Complainant.

/Knud Wallberg/

Knud Wallberg

Sole Panelist

Date: August 4, 2026