Geographical Indications in the DNS

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## Protection of Certain Names in (New and Legacy) gTLDs (Simplified)

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### Top Level of the DNS [domain.tld]

- **ISO 3166-1 long and short Not Permitted**
  - (AGB 2.2.1.4.1)
  - Capital Cities, Sub National places and Continents or Regions Require Government(s) Support
    - (AGB 2.2.1.4.2)

  - **Eligible to Legal Rights Objection** (during Application Objection period)
    - [New gTLD Applicant Guidebook](https://www.icann.org/en/tech/documents/gac-letter-02mar2013-en.pdf) (Section 3.5.2)

  - **May Be Eligible to Legal Rights Objection** (during Application Objection period)
    - [New gTLD Applicant Guidebook](https://www.icann.org/en/tech/documents/gac-letter-02mar2013-en.pdf) (Section 3.5.2)

### Second Level of the DNS [domain.tld]

- **Country and Territories Names Subject to Agreement between Registry and applicable Government**


  - **Available for registration** Subject to Rights Protection Mechanisms where applicable:
    - TMCH*, UDRP*, URS*, TM-PDDRP

- **2-character labels available for registration**
  - Subject to Measures to Avoid Confusion

  - **Permanently Reserved** in 2 languages


    - Per ICANN Board resolutions on 9 January 2014 and 30 April 2014

- **Temporarily Reserved**

- **Available for registration** Subject to Rights Protection Mechanisms where applicable:
  - TMCH*, UDRP*, URS*, TM-PDDRP
# Rights Protections Mechanism and Geographical Indications in New gTLDs

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<td>Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)</td>
<td>GIs in scope if trademark(s) or service mark(s) (per Paragraph 4(a)(i) of <a href="#">URDP policy</a>)</td>
<td>Phase 2 of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process (RPMs PDP) would consider the need for policy changes to the UDRP, if any.</td>
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<td>Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS)</td>
<td>GIs in scope if protected by statute or treaty in force when URS complaint is filed (see <a href="#">URS</a> Procedure section 1.2.6.1)</td>
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<td><strong>Preventative</strong></td>
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<td>Trademark Clearing House (TMCH) and associated Mechanisms (Sunrise and Trademark Claims)</td>
<td>GIs May Benefit from Sunrise or TM Claims Notice if protected by a statute or treaty in effect at the time mark is submitted for validation by the TMCH (<a href="#">TMCH Guidelines</a>, section 2.4)</td>
<td>GIs eligible for Sunrise or TM Claims Notice if they are registered trademarks or court-validated “word marks” (TMCH Final Recommendation 1 RPM Phase 1 Working Group Final Report)</td>
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