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# CCTLD MANAGEMENT RELATED REFORM

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# Brief History



- 1992 - .GE ccTLD was delegated to Sanet Ltd
- 2006 –Caucasus Online became the Manager and the only registrar of .GE
- Various problems appeared due to improper regulations of .GE
- 2015 - GNCC launched study of the situation and announced the public consultation
- 2016 - Caucasus online, in cooperation with GNCC and other stakeholders started working on the reform
- 16 April, 2018 – reform related to .GE management and registration came into force



# Before and After



- Only one registrar
- Manual registration system
- No transfer allowed
- Pricing scheme
  - 1-5 domains – 30 GEL per name
  - 6-10 domains – 60 GEL per name
  - 11-15 domains – 110 GEL per name
  - 16-20 domains – 180 GEL per name
  - 21-25 domains – 250 GEL per name
- No dispute-related regulations
- Registry-Registrar model
- Online registration system
- Transfer is allowed
- Prices do not rise in parallel with the number of registered domain names
- Manager – full Member of CENTR
- Close cooperation with ICANN
- Advisory Board is established
- .GE Dispute Resolution Policy; MoU with WIPO



# Statistics



- Total number of .GE domain names registered from 1992 to 26.08.19 - **42 659**
- Number of .GE domains registered from the 16.04.18 (reform date) to 26.08.19 - **21 158**
- The number of .GE domains that are still at registry – **285**
- Deleted .ge domains: **21 080**
- Dispute count - **2**

# Plans

- Surveys for quality improvement:
  - For registry - once a year
  - For registrars - twice a year
- DNSSEC
- Penetration test
- Marketing activities for awareness:
  - <https://www.facebook.com/Nicge-1087394624780766/>
  - Raise awareness at schools
- Training for existing Registrars with ICANN experts to improve service quality and standards.

# Domain Industry and Intellectual Property Owners

## **carrefour.com.ge**

- Registered on 8.06.18; resolved to parked pages;
- Complainant – Carrefour of Boulogne - Billancourt, France; owner of numerous registrations for the word mark CARREFOUR; owner of domain names: **carrefour.com and carrefour.fr**
- Respondent – Tool Domains Ltd. of Sofia, Bulgaria; Registrar
- Administrative proceeding period – 18.11.18. – 21.12.18

## **glovoapp.ge; glovo.ge**

- Registered on 8.07.18; resolved to parked pages.
- Complainant – Glovoapp23, S.L., of Barcelona, Spain;
- Respondent – Ketevan Vadachkoria of Tbilisi, Georgia, Registrant;
- Administrative proceeding period – 26.09.18. – 08.11.18.

# The Complainant's cases in summary :

- a) The Disputed Domain Names were confusingly similar to their trademarks (CARREFOUR and GLOVO);
- b) The Respondents did not have any rights or legitimate interests in the Disputed Domain Names; the Domain Names resolved to a parked pages; displaying a parked page does not constitute a bona fide offering of goods or services;
- c) The Respondents registered and used the Disputed Domain Names in bad faith. The Respondents offered the Complainants to sell the Disputed Domain Names.

Thus, the only reason of registering of these domain names was to seek advantage of the Trademark by selling the Domain Name to the Complainants or to their competitors.

# Decisions for both cases

- According to .GE Policy, the Complainants were requested to prove:
  - i. The Domain Name was identical or confusingly similar to a trademark or service mark in which the Complainant had rights;
  - ii. The Respondent had no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the Domain Name;
  - iii. The Domain Name had been registered or was used in bad faith.
- **DECISIONS: Disputed Domain Names** -  
carrefure.com.ge ; glovoapp.ge; and glovo.ge should be transferred to the Complainants.



**Thank you!**

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**Documents are available at : <https://nic.ge>**

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**Questions?**