



# .قطر and .qa – Sunrise Process

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## 1. Sunrise Process

### 1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1. Except where expressly provided otherwise in this document, all terms used in this document, and defined in the Qatar Domains Registry's Definitions and Glossary document (as amended from time to time) shall carry the meaning ascribed to them in that Definitions and Glossary document.

1.2. Except where the context otherwise requires, the following principles will apply in interpreting the terms and words used in this document:

- a. words importing the masculine, feminine or neuter gender include any of them, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- b. clause or section headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect the meaning of this process outlined in this document;
- c. references to notice mean notice in writing;
- d. a reference to a Party includes its executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns; and
- e. words and expressions importing natural persons include partnerships, bodies corporate, associations, governments, governmental and local authorities and agencies.

1.3. The following terms, where used in the document, will have the meaning ascribed to them as follows:

**"Applicant"** means an entity that has submitted a Sunrise Application during either the Government Sunrise Period or the Trademark Sunrise Period;

**"Cut-off Date"** means the date prior to which an Eligible Trademark must be registered as defined by the Qatar Domains Registry and as advertised on the website of the Qatar Domains Registry or otherwise advised by Qatar Domains Registry;

**"Documentary Evidence"** means the documentation to be provided by (or on behalf of) the Applicant to either the Qatar Domains Registry or the Validation Agent to establish the Applicant's entitlement to the right claimed in accordance with this Sunrise process;

**"Eligible Trademark Holder"** means a Trademark Holder that satisfies the requirements of clause 8.2

**"First Come, First Served"** means the method of allocating Domain Names as described in clause 6.2;

**"General Availability"** means the period during which all entities may register a Domain Name on an ongoing basis under all levels in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر.

ccTLD provided that all requirements as specified in the Qatar Domains Registry's Policies are met;

**“Government Entity”** means government entities as specified in clause 7.2.a;

**“Government Sunrise Commencement”** means the commencement date for accepting Government Sunrise Applications for either .qa or قطر. as advertised on the website of the Qatar Domains Registry or otherwise advised by Qatar Domains Registry;

**“Government Sunrise Conclusion”** means the conclusion date for accepting Government Sunrise Applications for either .qa or قطر. as advertised on the website of the Qatar Domains Registry or otherwise advised by Qatar Domains Registry;

**“Government Sunrise Period”** means the exclusive period to be defined by the Qatar Domains Registry pursuant to which defined eligible Government Entities are granted priority to register Domain Names under the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر. ccTLD and **“Government Sunrise Application”** shall have a corresponding meaning;

**“Hierarchy of Rights”** means a list of types of Eligible Trademarks pursuant to which multiple Trademark Sunrise Applications will be allocated such that types of trademarks that occur higher in the list take precedence in the registration of the Domain Name over those lower in the list;

**“Nice Classification System”** means an international classification of goods and services applied for the registration of trademarks and service marks;

**“Registration Fee”** means the fee payable by or on behalf of the successful Applicant to the Qatar Domains Registry for the registration of the Domain Name;

**“Sunrise Application”** means a request for a Domain Name based on claimed prior rights during either the Government Sunrise Period or the Trademark Sunrise Period and **“Sunrise”** shall have a corresponding meaning;

**“Trademark Holder”** means the holder of:

- i. A court validated Trademark; or
- ii. A nationally or multi-nationally registered Trademark; or
- iii. A Trademark specifically protected by a statute or treaty that is in force or effect; registered owner of a Trademark in any jurisdiction accordance the relevant laws;

**“Trademark Sunrise Commencement”** means the commencement date for accepting Trademark Sunrise Applications for either .qa or قطر. as advertised on the website of the Qatar Domains Registry or otherwise advised by Qatar Domains Registry;

**“Trademark Sunrise Conclusion”** means the conclusion date for accepting Trademark Sunrise Applications for either .qa or قطر as advertised on the website of the Qatar Domains Registry or otherwise advised by Qatar Domains Registry;

**“Trademark Sunrise Period”** means the exclusive period to be defined by the Qatar Domains Registry pursuant to which Eligible Trademark Holders are granted priority to register corresponding Domain Names under the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر ccTLD and **“Trademark Sunrise Application”** shall have a corresponding meaning;

**“Validation Agent”** means the organisation appointed by Qatar Domains Registry to validate .qa and قطر Trademark Sunrise Applications; and

**“Validation Fee”** means the fee payable by or on behalf of the Trademark Sunrise Period Applicant to the Validation Agent.

## 2. Recitals

Whereas:

- 2.1. The Qatar Domains Registry elects to implement a Sunrise process pursuant to which, during an exclusive period of time prior to the general registration of Domain Names certain eligible parties shall have the opportunity to register Domain Names in the .qa and قطر ccTLDs;
- 2.2. This document defines the implemented Sunrise process by describing, amongst other items:
  - a. The terms by which certain eligible parties, including Trademark Holders and Government Entities, may submit Sunrise Applications to the Qatar Domains Registry during the Sunrise Period;
  - b. The manner in which Sunrise Applications will be processed, allocated and validated by the Qatar Domains Registry and the Validation Agent;
- 2.3. This process applies to:
  - a. Persons or entities submitting an Application during the Sunrise Period;
  - b. The Qatar Domains Registry;
  - c. Accredited Registrars; and
  - d. The Validation Agent.
- 2.4. This process serves to facilitate the re-launch of the .qa ccTLD and the launch the قطر ccTLD in a fair, orderly and equitable manner whilst granting priority and thus protection to certain rights holders, as well as functioning to deter abusive and bad faith registrations.

### 3. Phases

- 3.1. In order to facilitate the efficient launch of the .qa and قطر ccTLDs and ensure the prompt availability of Domain Names, the collective Sunrise Periods will begin prior to the commencement of Qatar Domains Registry's Domain Name Registry System and end following the commencement of Qatar Domains Registry's Domain Name Registry System.
- 3.2. The re-launch of the .qa ccTLD and the launch the قطر ccTLD will be divided into the following distinct launch phases, which are further described in this process and shall consist in chronological order of:
  - a. Government Sunrise Period – pursuant to which defined eligible Government Entities are granted priority to register Domain Names under the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر ccTLD between the Government Sunrise Commencement Period and the Government Sunrise Conclusion Period.
  - b. Trademark Sunrise Period – pursuant to which Eligible Trademark holders are granted priority to register corresponding Domain Names under the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر ccTLD between the Trademark Sunrise Commencement Period and the Trademark Sunrise Conclusion Period.
  - c. General Availability – pursuant to which all entities may register a Domain Name on an ongoing basis under any level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر ccTLD provided that all requirements as specified in the Qatar Domains Registry's Policies are met.
- 3.3. In order to ensure the smooth transition of Legacy Domain Names the following sequence of events shall occur upon commencement of the Government Sunrise Period;
  - a. Accredited Registrars will be prevented from creating Second-Level Domains in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر ccTLD;
  - b. Accredited Registrars will be allowed to renew and/or update Legacy Second-Level Domains, for which they are the Sponsoring Registrar, in the .qa ccTLD;
  - c. Accredited Registrars will be prevented from creating, Third-Level Domains in the .qa ccTLD;
  - d. Defined Government Entities and Eligible Trademark Holders will be granted priority to register Domain Names under the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر ccTLD.

- 3.4. Upon commencement of the Qatar Domains Registry's Domain Name Registry System;
  - a. Accredited Registrars will be allowed to create, update and Third-Level Domains in the .qa ccTLD.
  - b. Accredited Registrars will be prevented from creating Second-Level and Third-Level Domains in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر. ccTLD.
- 3.5. Upon commencement of General Availability Accredited Registrars will be allowed to create, update and Second-Level and Third-Level Domains in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر. ccTLD.
- 3.6. Nothing in this process will prevent Qatar Domains Registry from creating any Domain Name at any time, for any reason.

#### **4. Basic Requirements and Information for Sunrise Applications**

- 4.1. Applicants must choose an Accredited Registrar to submit their application.
- 4.2. Trademark Sunrise Applications can only be submitted to the Qatar Domains Registry by an Accredited Registrar.
- 4.3. Applicants during the Trademark Sunrise Period must provide with their application the Validation Agent fee, which the Accredited Registrar will pass to the Validation Agent.
- 4.4. A Sunrise Application will result in a Domain Name registration only if all of the following requirements are met:
  - a. The Sunrise Application is received by the Qatar Domains Registry within the relevant Sunrise Period applicable to that entity;
  - b. The Sunrise Applicant has established its right to submit a Sunrise Application, by satisfying the eligibility criteria as one of the following:
    - i. The owner, licensee or assignee of a corresponding Eligible Trademark; or
    - ii. A Government Entity;
  - c. The Sunrise Application is the earliest submitted validated and/or verified application in accordance with the First, Come First, Served method of allocation where multiple Sunrise Applications are received for the Domain Name;
  - d. The applied for Domain Name is not on the Reserved or Restricted words list;
  - e. The applied for Domain Name is not a Legacy Domain Name;



- f. The applied for Domain Name is not subject to a Sunrise Application by an Applicant whose eligibility takes precedence in accordance with the Hierarchy of Rights; and
- g. The Sunrise Application otherwise complies with the requirements of all applicable eligibility requirements and policies including the Registrant Agreement policy issued by the Qatar Domains Registry.

## 5. Submission of Applications

- 5.1. Applications for a Domain Name must be submitted via an online application form to the Qatar Domains Registry between the relevant Sunrise Commencement Period and Sunrise Conclusion Period;
- 5.2. Documentary Evidence establishing the Applicant's entitlement to the right claimed may be required to be submitted with the Sunrise Application to the Qatar Domains Registry or the Validation Agent in accordance with the Validation Agents policy.
- 5.3. The information submitted with the Application must be sufficient to establish on a prima facie basis the Applicants right to apply for a Domain Name in the Sunrise Period by demonstrating the Applicants capability to satisfy the relevant eligibility requirements as specified in clause 7.2 or clause 8.2 below. As such, the Sunrise Applicant is responsible for ensuring that this information (including any Documentary Evidence) is correct, complete, legible and accurate.
- 5.4. Upon receipt of a Sunrise Application, the Qatar Domains Registry will perform technical checks (including validity checks where relevant) to ensure the Domain Name being applied for is technically valid, and does not conflict with any Legacy Domain Name.
- 5.5. The Registrar must ensure, by inclusion of the necessary terms in the Registrant Agreement, that the Applicant represents and warrants that the information contained in the submitted Sunrise Application is true, correct and up-to-date and the Sunrise Application (including any Documentary Evidence) is made in good faith, for a lawful purpose and does not infringe on the rights of any third party.
- 5.6. The Registrar must ensure that the Applicant acknowledges and understands the following:
  - a. information submitted by the Applicant will be provided to third parties for the purpose of processing applications;
  - b. the Validation Fee shall not be refundable notwithstanding withdrawal of the Trademark Sunrise Application by the Applicant or rejection by the Qatar Domains Registry at any stage of the validation process.

## 6. Allocation of Applications

- 6.1. Following the relevant Sunrise Conclusion Period and upon verification or validation that the Applicant satisfies the applicable eligibility criteria including the successful completion of all technical checks, the Domain Name will be allocated to the Sunrise Applicant on a First Come, First Served basis, as described in clause 6.2.
- 6.2. In determining the allocation of Domain Names in accordance with the First Come, First Served method the Qatar Domains Registry shall:
  - a. allocate the Domain Name to the Sunrise Applicant of the first complete Sunrise Application received by the Qatar Domains Registry and will apply the applicable Sunrise Domain Name Registration Fee.
  - b. consider the order in which Sunrise Applications are received by reference to the date and time of receipt by the Qatar Domains Registry of a complete and correct Sunrise Application. The time and date that the Sunrise Application is submitted by the Sunrise Applicant to a Registrar is not relevant.
- 6.3. Domain Names allocated as the result of a successful Application during the Sunrise Period shall:
  - a. have an initial term of five years from the date of creation of the Domain Name; and
  - b. be created by Qatar Domains Registry at a time decided by Qatar Domains Registry.
  - c. not be active until such time as determined by Qatar Domains Registry.
- 6.4. Qatar Domains Registry shall notify the nominated Registrar that the Domain Name has been created.
- 6.5. It is the Registrars responsibility to notify the Applicant of the success or otherwise of their Application.
- 6.6. The Registrar agrees and acknowledges that:
  - a. It is solely responsible for the collection of any fee payable from the Applicant to the Registrar, including the Validation Agent fees and the Registration Fee; and
  - b. In the case of Trademark Sunrise Applications, it will pay the Validation Agent Fees to the Validation Agent in a timely manner; and
  - c. The Registrar will pay to Qatar Domains Registry any Registration Fees associated with the creation of the Domain Name.

## 7. Government Sunrise Period

7.1. During the Government Sunrise Period, government entities in the State of Qatar are granted priority to register Domain Names at the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر. ccTLD.

### 7.2. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible to register a Domain Name during the Government Sunrise Period, the applicant must be:
  - i. A Government Entity including ministries, governmental authorities, and public organizations linked to such Government Entities, including the armed forces, the police, the intelligence and security services of the State of Qatar;
  - ii. Any establishment fully owned by any of the foregoing;
  - iii. Any entity that the Qatar Domains Registry would include for a public interest purpose provided that it is approved by the ictQATAR's Management.
- b. Applicants for a Domain Name during the Government Sunrise Period must provide a letter duly signed from the relevant government authority authorising the registration of that Domain Name to the Qatar Domains Registry.

### 7.3. Submission and Processing of Applications

- a. To avoid any doubt, for the purpose of submitting a Government Sunrise Application, an application MAY be made directly to Qatar Domains Registry, OR through a locally Accredited Registrar.
- b. The Registration Fee applicable during the Government Sunrise Period will become payable upon allocation of the Domain Name to the successful government entity. No Validation Fee or the like shall be payable by Applicants during the Government Sunrise Period.

## 8. Trademark Sunrise Period

8.1. During the Trademark Sunrise Period, Eligible Trademark Holders are granted priority to register Domain Names at the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر. ccTLD.

### 8.2. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible to register a Domain Name during the Trademark Sunrise Period, the Applicant must be an Eligible Trademark Holder by satisfying all of the criteria of Ownership, Eligible Trademark, Syntax Requirements as defined in this clause 8 and be registered before the Cut-off Date;

### 8.3. Ownership

- a. Trademark Sunrise Applications during the Trademark Sunrise Period will only be accepted from the one of the following;
  - i. The registered owner of an Eligible Trademark;
  - ii. A licensee of an Eligible Trademark duly authorised by the relevant registered owner PROVIDED THAT Documentary Evidence is provided with the Trademark Sunrise Application which establishes the licensee's rights in relation the Trademark;
  - iii. An assignee of an Eligible Trademark duly authorised by the relevant registered owner provided that Documentary Evidence is provided with the Trademark Sunrise Application which establishes the assignee's rights in relation the Trademark.

### 8.4. Eligible Trademark

- a. A Trademark Sunrise Applicant must be the owner of one of the following Trademarks;
  - i. A Trademark registered in all scripts including the Arabic Script in the State of Qatar;
  - ii. A Trademark registered in all scripts including the Arabic Script under the GCC Trademark Law;
  - iii. A Trademark registered in all scripts including the Arabic Script in a member of the League of Arab States;
  - iv. A Trademark registered in all scripts including the Arabic Script in any other jurisdiction;

### 8.5. Syntax Requirements

- a. The Domain Name applied for must be an identical match of the Trademark so that the Domain Name consists of the complete and identical textual elements of the Trademark. Exceptions to this requirement include:
  - i. Where there are spaces contained in the Trademark, in which case the space may be replaced with a hyphen in the Domain Name or otherwise omitted and still be considered an identical match;
  - ii. Where the Trademark contains certain special characters for example '@' and '&' in which case the special characters may be spelt out with appropriate words describing it (for example 'at' and 'and') and still be considered an identical match;
  - iii. Where the Trademark contains punctuation or certain special characters that are unable to be used in a Domain Name in which case the punctuation or special characters may be replaced with a

hyphen in the Domain Name or otherwise omitted and still be considered an identical match.

#### 8.6. Submission and Processing of Applications

- a. At the time of submission of a Trademark Sunrise Application, the nominated Registrar is required to pay the Validation Fee to the Validation Agent. The Registration Fee will only be charged to the Sponsoring Registrar upon allocation of the Domain Name to the Trademark Sunrise Applicant.
- b. The following table details the supporting information required to be submitted with a Trademark Sunrise Application:

Field	Description
Trademark Name	The trademarked term on which the Sunrise Application is based.
Jurisdiction	Country, region, locality or organisation wherein the Trademark is registered (in accordance with WIPO standard ST.3).
Trademark Registration Date	Date on which the Trademark was registered by the competent Trademark office (not the application date) and came into full force and effect. Eligible Trademarks must be registered prior to the Cut-off Date in order to form the basis of a Trademark Sunrise Application
Trademark Registration Number	Registration or serial number of the Trademark's current registration (not the Trademark application number).
Nature of Entitlement	The capacity of the Sunrise Applicant in relation to the Trademark (owner, licensee or assignee).
Trademark Arabic/English Transliteration	The representation of the Trademark in the corresponding characters of Arabic/English. This field is mandatory where an English Trademark forms the basis of a Trademark Sunrise Application under the قطر . ccTLD.
Applicant Contact Details	The Contact details of the Domain Name Applicant
Domain Name	The Domain Name being applied for
Trademark Registered Class	The international class in which the Trademark is registered in accordance with the Nice Classification System

- c. Upon receipt of Trademark Sunrise Application and completion of technical checks, the Qatar Domains Registry will forward the Trademark Sunrise

Application, including all supporting information supplied to the Validation Agent.

- d. Neither the Qatar Domains Registry nor the Validation Agent will amend or otherwise modify the information contained in the Sunrise Application.

#### 8.7. Validation of Rights

- a. The Validation Agent will determine whether the Trademark Sunrise Applicant meets the applicable eligibility criteria.
- b. The Validation Agent shall be entitled to rely on the information provided in the Application.
- c. Qatar Domains Registry or the Validation Agent may request a certified copy of any on the information submitted with the Application.
- d. The Validation Agent shall:
  - i. Perform its tasks in an objective, transparent and non-discriminatory manner,
  - ii. Conduct in its sole discretion investigations into the Applications, the information provided therein, and any documentary evidence received; and
  - iii. Utilize available tools in order to verify the information contained in the Application.
- e. The Validation Agent will attempt to verify the following upon referral of the relevant information contained in the Trademark Sunrise Application from the Qatar Domains Registry:
  - i. That the submitted Trademark Sunrise Application refers to an Eligible Trademark as specified in clause 8.4.
  - ii. That the applied for Domain Name corresponds to the Eligible Trademark in accordance with the Syntax Requirements as specified in clause 8.5.
  - iii. That the Trademark Sunrise Applicant is the Registered Trademark owner or is a legitimate licensee or assignee of the Registered Trademark owner.

Where the Validation Agent is unable to verify any of the information as required by clause 8.7e due to an incomplete Trademark Sunrise Application, the Applicant may be contacted by the Validation Agent and requested to supply the missing information.

- f. Upon examination of the information submitted in a complete and accurate Trademark Sunrise Application, the Validation Agent will assign one of the following statuses to the Application:
  - i. Valid – the Application meets all applicable eligibility requirements.

- ii. Invalid – the Application fails one or more applicable eligibility requirements.

and will notify the Qatar Domains Registry of such status.

#### 8.8. Allocation of Applications

Upon Notification by the Validation Agent of the status assigned to a Trademark Sunrise Application, Qatar Domains Registry will;

- a. allocate the Domain Name to the Trademark Sunrise Applicant where only one valid Trademark Sunrise Application is received for the Domain Name in accordance with clause 6; or
- b. allocate the Domain Name in accordance with the Hierarchy of Rights where multiple valid Trademark Sunrise Applications are received for a Domain Name; or
- c. notify the nominated Registrar that the Trademark Sunrise Application will not proceed any further upon notification of an invalid status from the Validation Agent.

#### 8.9. Hierarchy of Rights

There is a Hierarchy of Rights for Domain Names under the second level in the .qa ccTLD and in the قطر. ccTLD:

- a. In the event that multiple Trademark Sunrise Applications are received for a Domain Name, an assessment of the nature of the Eligible Trademark will form the basis of the priority granted to Trademark Sunrise Applicants according to the Hierarchy of Rights.
- b. Domain Names will be allocated in accordance with the following Hierarchy of Rights such that holders of Trademarks that occur higher on the following list take precedence over those that fall below;
  - i. A Trademark registered in the Arabic Script in the State of Qatar;
  - ii. A Trademark registered in the Arabic Script under the GCC Trademark Law;
  - iii. A Trademark registered in the Arabic Script in a member of the League of Arab States;
  - iv. A Trademark registered in the Arabic Script in any other jurisdiction;
  - v. A Trademark registered in any other script in the State of Qatar;
  - vi. A Trademark registered in any other script under the GCC Trademark Law;
  - vii. A Trademark registered in any other script in a member of the League of Arab States;
  - viii. A Trademark registered in any other script in any other jurisdiction.

c. Examples

The following examples provide some guidance on the application of the Hierarchy of Rights:

**Example 1** – Two validated Trademark Sunrise Applications are received for a second level .qa Domain Name such that:

- Applicant A has an Arabic script Trademark registered in the State of Qatar;
- Applicant B has an Arabic script Trademark registered in another jurisdiction;
- The Domain Name would be allocated to Applicant A.

Where multiple, validated Trademark Sunrise Applications are received for a Domain Name and the basis for at least two of the applications are of equal priority, and there is no other Application of higher priority, the allocation of the Domain Name will be on a First Come, First Served basis.

**Example 2** – Three validated Trademark Sunrise Applications are received for a second level قطر. Domain Name such that:

- Applicants A & B have Arabic script Trademarks registered in a jurisdiction other than that of the State of Qatar;
- Applicant C has a Trademark registered in another script in the State of Qatar;
- The Domain Name would be allocated in accordance with the First Come, First Served method to either Applicant A or B.

#### 8.10. Rejection of Sunrise Application

- a. A Sunrise Application may be rejected by the Qatar Domains Registry if and when:
- i. The Sunrise Application does not contain complete and accurate information or is not in compliance with any other provision of this process; or
  - ii. The Sunrise Application comprises the integrity and stability of the Qatar Domains Registry system, the operation and/or management of the ccTLD; or
  - iii. The Qatar Domains Registry is required to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and/or any decision by a competent court or Dispute Resolution Service Provider; or
  - iv. Rejection of the Sunrise Application is required to avoid any liability on behalf of the Qatar Domains Registry, including their respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees,



subcontractors (including, without limitation, the Validation Agent or other service provider) and/or agents;

- b. It is the Registrar's responsibility to ensure that the Sunrise Applicant expressly acknowledges and accepts the grounds on which the Sunrise Application may be rejected by the Qatar Domains Registry.

#### 8.11. **Reconsideration Process of a Trademark Sunrise Application**

- a. If a Trademark Sunrise Application fails the validation process, the Trademark Sunrise Applicant will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable. Upon the issuance of the notice, a Trademark Sunrise Applicant may seek reconsideration within (seven) 7 calendar days and upon payment of a reconsideration fee.
- b. A Trademark Sunrise Applicant may seek reconsideration on the basis of the information (and documentary evidence if any) already supplied in its initial Application or it may provide amendments and/or additional documentary evidence in support of its eligibility for the Domain Name applied for.
- c. If a Trademark Sunrise Application is successfully verified upon reconsideration, the Application will be treated as successfully verified in the first instance.
- d. An unsuccessful Trademark Sunrise Application reconsideration will result in the Application being declined and no further reconsideration will be processed.
- e. The reconsideration process is:
  - i. intended to provide the ability to correct Applications during the Trademark Sunrise Period;
  - ii. not a mechanism for, nor intended to replace any other available dispute resolution available to Trademark Sunrise Applicants; and
  - iii. not an indication of the validity of an Trademark Sunrise Applicants' rights to a Trademark or other intellectual property right;
- f. The reconsideration process does not prevent an Applicant from seeking redress or asserting its rights against other Applicants under the Qatar Domains Registry's Dispute Resolution Policy or other applicable dispute resolution mechanism.

## 9. **Limitation of Liability**

- 9.1. The Qatar Domains Registry expressly excludes all conditions and warranties whether express or implied, statutory or otherwise.
- 9.2. The Qatar Domains Registry will not be liable to any party for any indirect, punitive, special, incidental or consequential damage in connection with or arising out of this

process, the Application for Registration, or use of a Domain Name (including for loss of profits, use, data, or other economic advantage), however it arises, and even if they have been previously advised of the possibility of such damage, including but not limited to decisions taken by the Qatar Domains Registry to register or not to register a Domain Name on the basis of the findings of the Validation Agent, as well as the consequences of those decisions.

- 9.3. Any liability of the Qatar Domains Registry and its employees, directors, officers, representatives, agents and affiliates to any party in connection with or arising out of this process in contract, tort, (including negligence or breach of statutory duty) or howsoever otherwise arising, shall be limited to the applicable Registration Fee.
- 9.4. The Applicant acknowledges and accepts all warranties as included in the Registrant Agreement policy issued by the Qatar Domains Registry.

## 10. Process Review

The Qatar Domains Registry may update this process at any time in its complete discretion, including for the purpose of clarification.