Evolution of the NL Registry
Changing Naming Policies

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Background

Until 1996: Piet Beertema
Strict Registry-registrar model
SIDN incorporated 1996

Naming Policy
Legally: GT&C’s
Separate set registrar and registrant

Liberalization gradual process
Naming Policies for registration

First set: January 1997
Board decision November 1998
1 April 1999
15 November 2000
29 January 2003 (result Domain name debate)
January 1997 (1)

Technical requirements
   Working name server
   Technical requirements domain name

Domain name requirements
   Not generic
   Not offensive
January 1997 (2)

Registrant requirement
One domain name
Resident Netherlands
Company or institution
Specific interest in Domain name (™ or other)

Miscellaneous
Transferable
Registrar in EU
Change of registrar
Board decision 1998

Registrant requirement
More domain names per registrant
Naming Policy 1999

Technical requirements: No change
Domain name
  Not generic, unless specific interest
  Not offensive
Registrant
  Resident in NL
  Company
Naming Policy 15 November 2000

Technical requirements: No change

Domain name
No restrictions

Registrant
residency in NL
Company or institution

Miscellaneous
Introduction Personal Domain names
Naming Policy 2003

Technical requirements: No change
Domain name: no restrictions
Registrant: no restrictions
Miscellaneous
  Introduction residency contact
  Introduction ADR
  Introduction Opt-out Whois
Growth of the number of .nl domain names
Growth rates (2)

C. Aantal vervolg domeinnamen per:
Growth rate (3): registrars

A. Aantal deelnemers per:
Fee and Fee structure

Invoicing Registrar:
Every quarter
in advance on installed base
Registrar fee
Transaction fees and subscription charge
Fee for category I participants
[€ p.a.]
Transaction fees [€ p.a.]
Subscription charges [€ p.a.]
Organizational Consequences

1997:
SIDN: Board (7 Volunteers)
Fully outsourced operation KEMA: 6 FTE

1999
SIDN: Board + 3 FTE
KEMA approx: 14 FTE

2000
SIDN: Board + 4 FTE
KEMA: 35 FTE

2002
SIDN: Board + 8 FTE
KEMA: 20 FTE

2003
SIDN: Board + 25 FTE
Conclusions

Increased efficiency
  Automation of controls
  Automation of registration process
  Lower Fees
Increased reliability, trustworthiness
Main incentives growth
  No restriction on name
  More domain names per entity
Further information

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Questions ???