

Pursuant to Article 79 paragraph 2 of the Electronic Communications Act (Official Gazette nos. 73/08, 90/11, 133/12, 80/13 and 71/14), at the proposal of the Managing Council of the Croatian Academic and Research Network - CARNet, the Minister of Science, Education and Sports, with the approval of the Minister of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister of Public Administration, adopts the following

**ORDINANCE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE ON THE  
ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL TOP-LEVEL**

**DOMAIN**

**Article 1**

In the Ordinance on the Organisation and Management of the National Top-Level Domain (Official Gazette, number 38/10), in Article 2, point 12 is amended to read as follows:

"registrar" is a legal or natural person with an independent business, authorised to perform the registration and administration of .hr domains in CARNet's name in accordance with Article 31 of this Ordinance".

Point 13 is deleted, and point 14 becomes point 13.

In the former point 14, the words and the comma "generic domains," are deleted.

**Article 2**

In Article 5 paragraph 3, the words: "generic domains and other" are deleted.

**Article 3**

In Article 7, paragraph 2 is amended to read as follows:

"CARNet shall have the right to register and use domains necessary for the application of this Ordinance or for the performance of activities for which CARNet has been founded or which have been placed under its competence."

**Article 4**

In Article 13 paragraph 4, the word "personal" is deleted.

In paragraph 4, the full stop is replaced by a semicolon and the sixth indent is added to read as follows:

"- domain servers in charge of the domain."

Paragraph 5 is amended to read as follows:

"Upon the registration of a domain, the users give their consent to the gathering and processing of personal data required for unique user identification and domain space maintenance (tax identification number and similar). These data may only be used for the purpose of performing activities regulated by

this Ordinance and may not be published, and may be given to third parties only with the express written consent of the user."

### **Article 5**

In Article 15, paragraph 4 is amended to read as follows:

"By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 to 3 of this Article, it may be allowed, subject to payment of a fee in the amount envisaged for domains referred to in Article 17 paragraph 1 point 4 of this Ordinance, that a non-resident legal entity with a registered representative office, branch office or other permanent form of organisation in the Republic of Croatia, or legal entities with headquarters in one of the European Union Member States, also apply for the registration of a second-level domain."

Paragraph 5 is deleted.

### **Article 6**

In Article 16, paragraph 1 is amended to read as follows:

"The domain name consists of a succession of least one, and not more than 63 characters, including:

- letters of the Croatian and the English alphabet, without differentiating between the upper- and lower-case letters;
- numbers from 0 to 9;
- the hyphen character (-), where the hyphen may neither be the first nor the last character in the name, nor may it appear in two successive places.

At the proposal of the Committee, the CARNet Managing Council will adopt a decision to regulate the procedure and the conditions for registration of domain names consisting of one or two alphanumeric characters and domain names with diacritical marks."

### **Article 7**

Article 18 is amended to read as follows:

"The applicant may register and/or use several additional second-level domains at the same time."

### **Article 8**

In Article 19, paragraph 2 is amended to read as follows:

"The domain name referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article has to include one of the following:

- registered name or
- registered short name or
- abbreviation from initials or syllables of a multipart registered name.

The user is entitled not to use diacritical marks in the domain name."

### **Article 9**

In Article 20, paragraph 2 is amended to read as follows:

"The domain name referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article has to include one of the following:

- registered name or
- registered short name or
- abbreviation from initials or syllables of a multipart registered name or
- reference to the business and name, surname or name and surname.

The user is entitled not to use diacritical marks in the domain name."

### **Article 10**

In Article 21, paragraph 1 is amended to read as follows:

"By way of derogation from the limitations referred to in Article 6 paragraph 2 of this Ordinance, state bodies and local and regional self-government units in the Republic of Croatia have the right to register, free of charge, several second-level domains providing them with virtual identity and domains of particular importance for the national information space."

### **Article 11**

In Article 22 paragraph 1, a full stop is added after the words "second-level domains", and the words "within the limitation of total number referred to in Article 18 paragraph 1 of this Ordinance." are deleted.

In paragraph 3, the words: "which contain generic names, and domains which intend to" are replaced by the words: "which may".

Paragraph 4 is deleted.

### **Article 12**

Article 28 is amended to read as follows:

"During the registration period, the user of an additional domain may request the domain user to be changed in favour of a third natural or legal person. At the proposal of the Committee, the CARNet Managing Council will adopt a decision to regulate the procedure and the conditions for domain user change.

A user change application may not be filed at the time of domain registrar change.

In case of death, cessation of existence, changes of status or other legal changes regarding the domain user or the right to the contents of the registered domain, the user change procedure shall be carried out upon request of the user or his legal successor. In this procedure, the user's legal successor or a person designated by the user shall have the prior right to the use of the domain."

### **Article 13**

In Article 30, paragraph 1 is amended to read as follows:

"Fees for domain registration and use, as well as additional domain user change, shall be paid based on the price list prepared at the Committee's proposal by the CARNet Managing Council."

### **Article 14**

In Article 31, paragraph 1 is amended to read as follows:

"CARNet may, based on the contract concluded in conformity with publicly announced and essentially identical criteria and terms and conditions, transfer particular domain registration activities from its scope of work to legal entities and natural persons pursuing an independent business with registered headquarters in the Republic of Croatia and a registered independent business in the computer technology field."

### **Article 15**

The Managing Council shall adopt the decision on the procedure and conditions for the registration of domain names consisting of one or two alphanumeric characters, domain names with diacritical marks and domain user changes within one year from the entry into force of this Ordinance.

### **Article 16**

This Ordinance enters into force on the eighth day from the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.