



New Danish Domain Name Act

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DIFO

DIFO is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 as an association of representatives of the Danish Internet community

Private users

Professional users

Providers

DIFO is the sole owner of the registry DK Hostmaster A/S



DK Hostmaster

Private company founded in 1999

Is a non-profit company

Sole registry – we have the contact with the registrants

More than 600,000 unique customers

.dk has more than 1.260.000 registered domain names

Everyone can buy a .dk domain name



The administration of .dk

Under the Danish Domain Name Act, administration of the .dk TLD is to be put out to public tender.

The authorization to administer the .dk TLD was on 22 June 2009 issued to DIFO.

The authorization runs for a period of 6 years.



The key principles of the new Act

- The registry has to be non-profit
- Transparent, accountable and non-discriminatory administration
- Self-regulation
- The registry has to pay for the Domain Name Complaint board



Changes to the Danish Domain Name Act

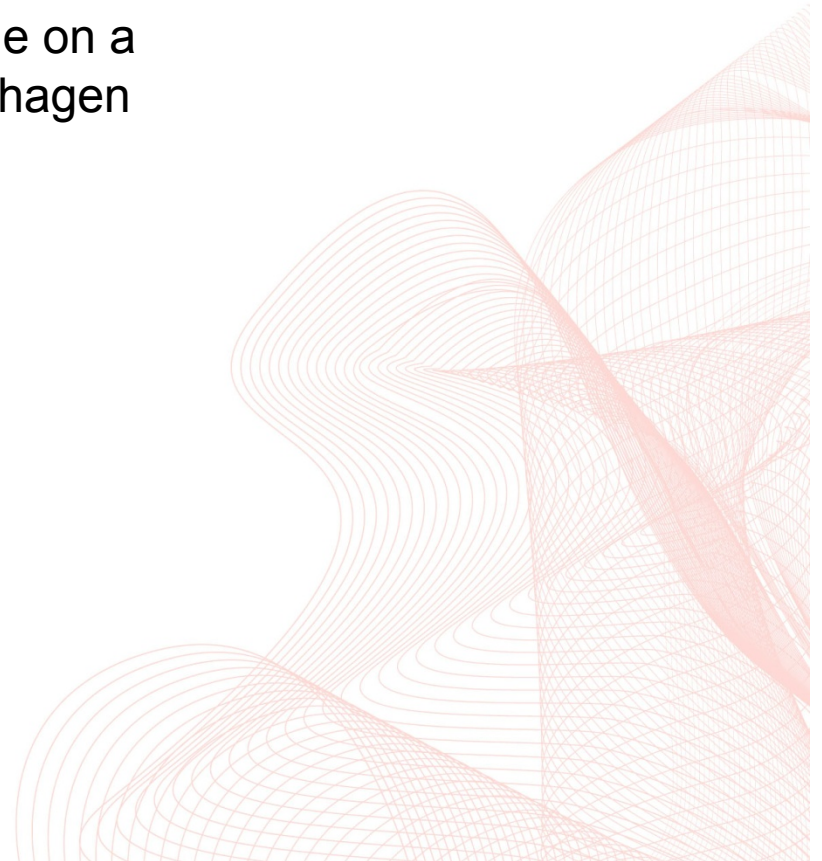
There are three major changes to the act:

1. Regarding new gTLDs
2. Validation of registrants
3. The tender



New gTLDs

The new act specifies that the Danish Business Authority has the authority in Denmark to decide on a new gTLD with relation to Denmark like .copenhagen



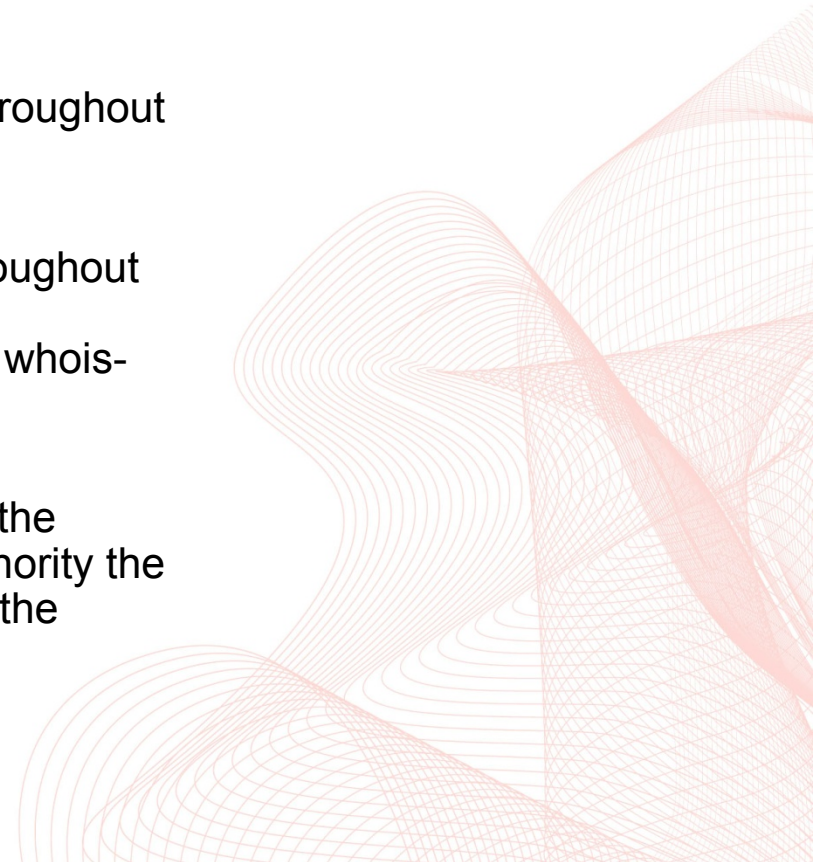
Validation of registrants

A new feature is validation of registration data and how to become anonymous in the whois-database. Enters into force on March 1, 2015.

It is our obligation to ensure valid registration data throughout the whole registration period.

.DK registry shall automatically and continuously throughout the whole registration period investigate whether the registrant has the right to become anonymous in the whois-database.

If the registrant has name and address protection at the Danish Civil Registry Service or a similar foreign authority the registrant shall automatically become anonymous in the whois-database.



The tender

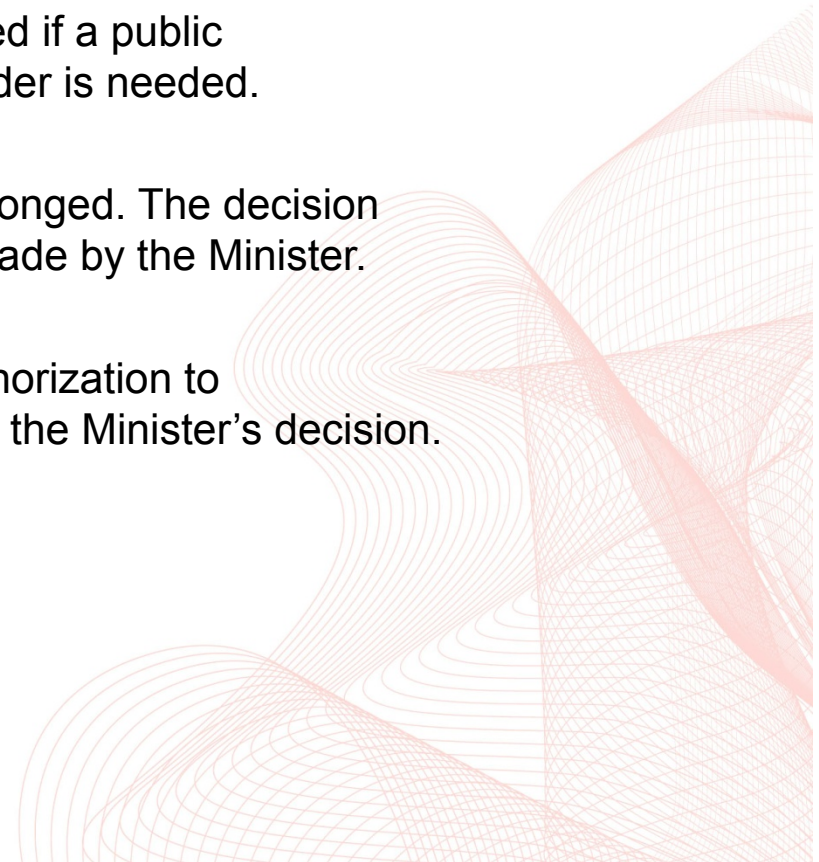
The Act also implements a new model for appointment of the .dk registry.

In the new model a public tender will only be launched if a public consultation shows strong indications that public tender is needed.

If not, then the registry's existing contract will be prolonged. The decision whether to prolong or to have public tender will be made by the Minister.

The public consultation regarding DIFOs current authorization to administer .dk ended Mid April. We are now awaiting the Minister's decision.

DIFO's contract expires in June 2015.



Thank you for listening!

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