New Legal Document regulated .VN

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Law making bodies and legal system in Viet Nam
Internet resources in Viet Nam

- .VN country code top level domain name and other domain names that are under control of Viet Nam law.
- Internet addresses (IPv4, IPv6)/Autonomous number (ASN) allocated to Viet Nam.
- New gTLD delegated to Vietnamese company/organization.
.VN ccTLD

- Delegated from IANA to Ministry of Information and Communication (MIC).
- Like other Internet resources, .VN ccTLD is considered as National Telecom resources in Viet Nam (Telecom Law).
- Be set under the Government’s management (MIC).
- MIC issued Circular (the lowest level of legal document) to regulate the registration and usage of .VN world wide.
- MIC delegates the operating function of .VN to Vietnam Internet Network Information Center (VNNIC).
MIC Organization Structure

Consultative Units (12)
- Department of Posts
- Department of Information Technology
- Department of Science and Technology
- Department of Planning and Finance
- Department of International Cooperation
- Department of Legal Affairs
- Department of Organization and Human Resources
- Department of Inspection
- Ministry Office
- Representative Office in HCM City
- Other consultative units

Functional Units (11)
- Authority of Radio Frequency Management
- Authority of Information Technology Application
- Authority of Press
- Authority of Publishing
- Authority of Broadcasting and Electronic Information
- Authority of Foreign Information Service
- Viet Nam Telecommunications Authority
- VietNam Computer Emergency Response Teams
- Other functional units

Member Units (19)
- Vietnam Internet Network Information Center (VNNIC)
- VNCERT
- Information and Communications Journal
- VietNam Posts Newspaper
- Posts and Telecom Publishing House
- VietNam ICT project management Unit
- Other member unit (12 more)
Circular No.24/2015/TT-BTTT

• **Name**: Circular guiding the management and usage of Internet Resources.

• **Issued date**: 18 August, 2015.

• **Issued Authority**: Ministry of Information and Communications.

• **Scope of regulation**: The Circular guides regulations on the management and use of Internet resources including: registration, distribution, allocation, usage, returning, revocation, dispute settlement, with respect to all organizations and individuals involved in Internet-related activities in Vietnam.
MIC issue a list of reservation .VN domain name:
- Names represent important regions, names of islets, islands, oceans or waters of Vietnam;
- Names in the list of Vietnamese geographic names accredited by UNESCO as the world's cultural relics;
- Names of the Communist Party’s organizations, state organs, socio-political institutions (like Vietnamese Fatherland Front, Vietnam Trade Union, Communist Youth Union of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Women’s Union, Vietnam Veteran’s Union, etc.);
- Names regarding national security, defense and diplomatic activities.
Circular No.24 Highlight

Registration and usage of .gov.vn domain name

- Only authorize organization is eligible to register (Central and local state agencies, Government, People’s Council, People’s Committee, People’s Court...).

- Follow separate registration procedure in compare to others (pre-audit with both name and registrant).

- Oversea Registrars are not allowed to accept registration of .gov.vn.
Registration and usage of new gTLDs in Vietnam

- Agencies, organizations or enterprises in Vietnam must submit request to MIC before making registration of New gTLD with ICANN.

- New gTLDs registered and used by agencies, organizations or enterprises in Vietnam shall be managed by the Ministry of Information and Communications in accordance with legal regulations on Internet resources.
.VN domain name life cycle

- Available
- Registered
- Expired (5 days)
- Renewal possible
- ServerHold (30 days)
- Delete Process (11-20 days)
- Released (Available)

- Domain name is available for re-registration
- Renewal possible
- Transfer is not possible
- Domain is in zone file
- Domain no longer in zone file (Website may be redirected)
.VN registration policy development

Before 2003:
- Applied a close policy.
- VNNIC running both registry-registrar functions.
- No any registrar.
- Individual was not allowed to register second level .vn domain name.

In 2003:
- First registrar appeared.
- Change policy to allow individual (both domestic and oversea) to register .vn domain name (in some specific categories).
.VN registration policy development

Before 2006:
- Second level domain name .vn were limited to register (only for local Internet service provider).
- Some more registrar were accredited.

In 2006:
- Opening public registration for second level domain name .vn.
- Both organization and individual are able to register second level domain name .vn.
.VN registration policy development

Before 2007:
VNNIC still run registrar function (directly received registration and renewal request from registrant).

In November 2007:
Fully applied registry-registrar model with the basic principle of “first come, first served”.

Singapore 21, Feb, 2013
Relationship with registrar, registrant

- **Between registry-registrar:**
  - Directly signing contract.
  - Follow registrar regulation.
  - No of current registrar: 17 (04 overseas and 12 domestics).

- **Between registry-registrant:**
  - No directly signing contract with registrant.
  - Kind of registrant: organization, individual from both overseas and domestic. Individual is not able to register domain name under .gov.vn, .int.vn, .ac.vn.
.VN growth over the years
The challenge

- First: the ratio between number of deletion domain names and number of new registration domain names became higher and higher over years as a result of the difficult of local economy. That make the first challenge of .vn is how to balance between the development and the management target.

- Second: How to improve and make sure the quality and the accuracy of registrant’s information while keep developing the online and real-time registration network.
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