.EDEKA registration policies

§ 1 Preamble

EDEKA Verband kaufmännischer Genossenschaften e.V. ("EDEKA") is the registry operator for the top-level domain .EDEKA. It allows the registration of second level domain names below the TLD .EDEKA. Only EDEKA, its members and Affiliates are eligible registrants of domain names in the TLD and control the DNS records associated with domain names at any level in the TLD. The domain names under the TLD .EDEKA are not available to the public for registration and active use. EDEKA will act both as a registry, as well as the sole beneficiary registrant. As far as EDEKA acts as the registry, it is hereinafter referred to as a registry. If EDEKA acts as eligible registrant, it is referred to as registrant.

The rights and obligations of the Registry for the operation of the registry are regulated in the contract between the registry and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) – the Registry Agreement - and is part of the registration conditions. The following statutes constitute the rights and obligations of EDEKA to third parties and themselves.

§ 2 Domain registration

A domain below the TLD .EDEKA can only be registered through Registry-accredited registrars, which are concurrently accredited by ICANN.

The legal relationship between the registry and the registrars are governed in the "Registry Registrar Agreement", which is also subject to these policies.

§ 3 Eligibility

The right to register domain names under the TLD .EDEKA only belongs to EDEKA, its members and Affiliates. As far as EDEKA acts as registrant of domain names, it is party to the relevant registration agreement by the registrar. The registration and / or management of domain names through a trustee, so-called proxy service is not permitted.

§ 4 Registrable characters

All characters and strings of ASCII code with 1-63 characters can be registered as a domain name. Domain names must neither start with nor end with a hyphen nor must there be hyphens in the third and fourth place. Domain names with two characters are temporarily not allowed. If at the request of the Registry at ICANN domain names with two characters will be released, these are also available for registration. Also all "Internationalized Domain Names" (all available IDN Table) can be registered. If the domain name contains special characters, the maximum length is determined in accordance with RFC 5890 and RFC 5891.

§ 5 Reserved Domain Names

Reserved and excluded from registration are all domain names defined in "Specification 5" to the Registry Agreement.

§ 6 Assignment of domain names

Prerequisite for applying for a domain name is the eligibility under the TLD .EDEKA. Moreover, the order of registration is initially based on the principle "first come first served".

§ 7 Registration period

Domain names can be registered for 1 - 10 years. The registration of an .EDEKA domain name follows the normal "gTLD life cycle".

§ 8 Registration termination of a domain name
A termination of the registration of a domain name shall be carried out by the Registrar, at the discretion of the registrant and requires no justification. If in the notice no actual calendar day on which the termination shall take place is determined, the registration of the domain name is terminated with immediate effect. With the effective date of termination, the terminated domain name is deleted.

§ 9 Transfer of a domain name
The transfer of registered domains, paid or free, to another registrant as EDEKA is prohibited.

§ 10 Content and Use of registered domain names
EDEKA operates services, especially websites and email services, which are associated or connected with a registered domain name, by themselves. EDEKA is entitled to authorize the use and operation of such DNS-based services to third parties. In this respect the only authorized entities are EDEKA, its members and Affiliates (in particular parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, or otherwise connected companies that the ICANN definition of "affiliate" in the Registry Agreement corresponds to, see Annex 1). The use of registered domain names and related services is permitted only for business-related purposes of EDEKA. A domain name cannot be made available for use by a third party who is not entitled to use.

§ 11 Abusive registration and / or use of a domain name
It is illegal to use a domain name, either as registrant or user to whom the domain was left to use, abusive. Abusive is any use that is prohibited under German law. This is especially true for domain name registrations which violate trademark or name or personal rights. Examples for abusive use are, but not limited, spamming (sending unsolicited bulk mail), phishing (fraudulent data collection) and the infringing content from websites. For obvious abusive registration or use the Registry is entitled to delete the domain name, without prior consultation of the user.

§ 12 Dispute procedures
The registry operator will comply with all dispute resolution mechanisms as defined in the Registry Agreement Specification 7, Article 2, and as revised from time to time by ICANN consensus policies and procedures. Registrants of .EDEKA domain names hereby agree to be bound by all applicable domain name dispute policies, as outlined in this Registration Policy.

These dispute mechanisms include, but are not limited to:
- the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (Trademark "PDDRP");
- the Uniform Rapid Suspension system ("URS"); and
- the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy ("UDRP").

§ 13 Whois
The Registry maintains a publicly accessible database in which all data of the registrant of a domain name in accordance with the Specification 4 and 10 of the Applicant Guidebook and the RFC 3912 will be published. This includes the specification of the registrant of the domain name with name, postal address, email, phone and fax, the appointment of an Admin C, Tech C and optionally a zone manager who is published, with details in the Whois database. Admin C, Tech C and Zone Manager can be specified using the contact details of the company for which they are employed. To prevent misuse of the Whois database, the registry will secure access to Whois data via a CAPTCHA code and limit the access through the number of query requests per IP address, or otherwise.

§ 14 Applicable law and jurisdiction

For all disputes in connection with the registration and use of domain names German law is applicable, unless a non-judicial dispute resolution process is prejudicial. If after a decision in a non-judicial dispute resolution procedure the ordinary courts are open, German law is applicable. Jurisdiction for all disputes arising from the registration and / or use of a domain name is the registered office of EDEKA.

Annex 1

"Affiliate" Definition according to Article 2.9(c) of the ICANN Registry Agreement:

(i) "Affiliate" means a person or entity that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, or in combination with one or more other persons or entities, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person or entity specified, and

(ii) "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with") means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a person or entity, whether through the ownership of securities, as trustee or executor, by serving as an employee or a member of a board of directors or equivalent governing body, by contract, by credit arrangement or otherwise.