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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS ACT NO. 30 OF
2009**

**Vanuatu Domain Name Management and
Administration Regulation**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 7(4)(e) of the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulation Act No. 30 of 2009 (“the Act”), and with the approval of the Minister pursuant to section 7(3) of the Act, I, **DALSIE BANIALA, the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator (“the Regulator”)**, make the following Regulation.

Made at Port Vila this [xx] day of [month year]

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Dalsie Baniala
Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

This Regulation may be cited as Vanuatu Domain Name Management and Administration Regulation.

2 Commencement

This Regulation shall come into force on the date it is published in the official Gazette.

3 Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in this Regulation and in Rules made pursuant to this Regulation have the same meaning as in the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulation Act No. 30 of 2009.

Unless the context requires otherwise:

“**ccTLD**” means Country Code Top Level Domain;

“**Conflicted Name**” means a name subject to claims by two or more registrants;

“**Country Code Top Level Domain**” means a domain entered into the IANA database at the top-level of the global Domain Name System assigned according to a two-letter code based on the ISO 3166 standard ‘Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and Their Subdivisions’;

“**Delegation**” means the process by which ICANN/IANA assigns responsibility for administration of a Top-Level Domain in the Domain Name System root zone;

“**DNS**” means Domain Name System;

“**DNS root zone**” means the top-level DNS zone in the Domain Name System managed by ICANN;

“**DNSSEC**” means Domain Name System Security Extensions;

“**DNS service**” means a service for entering registration information about a .vu Domain Name into the name servers of the Registry Operator;

“**DNS zone**” means a distinct, contiguous portion of the Domain Name space in the Domain Name System for which administrative responsibility has been Delegated to a single manager;

“**domain**” means a subset of a Domain Name System hierarchy used to group and identify a specific set of internet resource records typically common to or under the control of a particular entity;

“**domain name**” means a sequence of characters that defines an address of a realm of administrative autonomy, authority or control in the internet and which can be resolved by the Domain Name System into the numeric Internet Protocol Address used by the internet;

“domain name system” means the hierarchical system of Domain Names that are associated with Internet Protocol Addresses for use within the internet;

“EPP” means extensible provisioning protocol;

“EPP Service” means the Extensible Provisioning Protocol Service provided by a Registry Operator to enable multiple Registrars to administer Domain Name information;

“Equivalent Name” means a name that is asserted by a registrant or other interested party to be, for all practical purposes, the same as a registered name;

“extensible provisioning protocol” means the protocols developed by the Internet Engineering Task Force and used to provide a method of communications between Registries and Registrars;

“Fourth-Level Domain” means the alphabetic string before the dot in the Third-Level Domain, as identified in Schedule 1;

“IANA” means the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, a department of ICANN;

“IANA database” means the Root Zone Database list of top level domains maintained by IANA;

“ICANN” means the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in the United States of America;

“IP” means Internet Protocol;

“internet protocol address” means the numerical label by which a location in the internet is identified by computers using the Internet Protocol suite;

“moderation” means the process by which the eligibility of a person seeking to register a .vu Domain Name within certain Second-Level Domains is scrutinised prior to the registration;

“name server” means a computer that has both the software and the Zone Data needed to resolve Domain Names to Internet Protocol Addresses.

“personal data” refers to data about any identified or identifiable natural person;

“revocation” means the process by which IANA removes its assignment of responsibility for the administration of a Top-Level Domain in the Domain Name System root zone;

“registrant” means the person who holds the right to use a specific .vu Domain Name for a specified period of time;

“registrar” refers to a person or entity that contracts with a Registrant and with the Registry Operator and collects registration data about the Registrant and submits registration information for entry in the Registry and who has been accredited by the Regulator for this purpose;

“registrar agreement” refers to the agreement executed between the Registry operator and a Registrar for the provision of Registry Services to the Registrar;

“Registry Services agreement” refers to the agreement executed between the Registry operator and the TRR for the provision of Registry Services in Vanuatu;

“registration services” means services provided by a Registrar to a Registrant in connection with a .vu Domain Name and includes collecting registration data about the Registrant and submitting registration information for entry in the Registry;

“registry” means a database administered by the Registry Operator consisting of data about one or more .vu Domain Names within the .vu ccTLD that is used to generate authoritative DNS resource records or responses to Domain Name available lookup requests or Whois queries for some or all of those .vu Domain Names;

“registry operator” means the entity that has the exclusive responsibility to maintain the Registry and to provide Registry Services in relation to the Second-Level Domains in the .vu ccTLD;

“registry services” means the services supplied by a Registry Operator to a Registrar and includes the EPP Service, the WHOIS Service, and the DNS service, and other services offered by the Registry Operator;

“Reserved Name” means individual domain names reserved from registration or with specific registration criteria attached;

“resolve” the process by which Domain Names are used in the Domain Name System to determine the Internet Protocol address that corresponds to a particular Domain Name;

“second level domain” means the alphanumeric string before the dot in front of the .vu Top-Level Domain in the .vu ccTLD, as identified in Schedule 1;

“shared registry system” means the process and system by which a single Registry is maintained for the restriction of Domain Names and associated technical and administrative information by multiple Registrars;

“third-level domain” means the alphabetic string before the dot of the Second-Level Domain, as identified in Schedule 1;

“Transfer” means the process by which IANA changes its assignment of responsibility for the administration of a Top-Level Domain in the Domain Name System root zone;

“UDAI” means a unique domain authentication ID;

“Vanuatu internet community” refers to the internet industry, internet users, government and other public authorities in Vanuatu;

“.vu ccTLD” means the country code Top-Level Domain that is the area of the Domain Name System administered by Vanuatu;

“.vu” means the univocal label country code Top-Level Domain assigned to identify Vanuatu as a nation in the Domain Name System;

“.vu Domain Name” means a Domain Name within the .vu ccTLD;

“.vu ccTLD Management Contract” means an agreement between the Registry Operator and the Regulator relating to the management of the Registry in the public interest;

“WHOIS” refers to a protocol used to query a Registry for information about Domain Name registrations;

“WHOIS data” means the data and information fields in a Registry that may be queried using a WHOIS service;

“WHOIS service” means a method made available to the public by the Registry Operator whereby an enquirer can query the Registry database to determine certain information relating to a .vu Domain Name;

“Zone data” means a list of the .vu Domain Names that are registered in the .vu ccTLD DNS zone, the names of name servers, the Internet Protocol Addresses of the Name services and certain other technical information.

PART II – STRUCTURE OF THE .vu ccTLD

4 Second-Level Domains

- (1) The Second-Level Domains of the .vu Top-Level Domain are specified in Schedule 2.
- (2) The Regulator may, by amendment to Schedule 2, specify additional Second-Level Domains where:
 - (a) the Second-Level Domain represents a significant and identifiable community of interest in Vanuatu; and
 - (b) the community is well-established and on-going and not ephemeral; and
 - (c) the name used to represent the Second-Level Domain is an obvious derivative of a word that properly describes the community of interest; and
 - (d) the Second-Level Domain does not conflict with, duplicate or cause confusion about, any existing Second-Level Domain and is a useful addition to the current Domain Name System hierarchy; and
 - (e) the action would not bring the .vu ccTLD into disrepute.
- (3) The Regulator must not remove or amend a Second-Level Domain specified in Schedule 2, or add a Second-Level Domain to Schedule 2 unless:
 - (a) the Regulator has conducted a public consultation with the Vanuatu Internet Community on the proposed removal or amendment that explains the proposal and its potential implications for Registrants; and
 - (b) the public consultation provided for a period of at least 30 days for comments and submissions to be made by interested members of the public; and
 - (c) the overwhelming majority of participants in the public consultation process support the proposed removal or amendment.

5 Third-Level Domains

- (1) A Third-Level Domain may only contain the following thirty-seven characters or a combination thereof:
 - (a) the twenty-six unaccented Roman letters;

- (b) the ten western digits; and
- (c) hyphens.

NOTE: This means that the permitted characters are a–z inclusive, 0–9 inclusive, and the hyphen “-”.

- (2) The first or last characters of a Third-Level Domain may not be a hyphen.
- (3) The first four characters of a Third-Level Domain may not be “xn--”.
- (4) The characters corresponding to a Second-Level Domain specified in Schedule 2 may not be used as a Third-Level Domain.

NOTE: This means that “com”, “org”, “net”, “edu” and “gov” may not be registered as a Third-Level Domain.

6 Domain Names

- (1) A .vu Domain Name may not be longer than sixty-four characters in length, including the Third-Level Domain, the Second-Level Domain and the .vu ccTLD.
- (2) A .vu Domain Name is not case sensitive.

NOTE: This means, for example, that the Domain Names example.com.vu and EXAMPLE.com.vu cannot be separately registered.

- (3) A .vu Domain Name may be registered either at the Second-Level Domain or within a particular Second-Level Domain.

NOTE: The Domain Name trr.vu is an example of a Domain Name that is registered at the Second-Level Domain. The Domain Name vanuatu.gov.vu is an example of a Domain Name that is registered within the .gov Second-Level Domain.

7 Moderated Domain Names

- (1) The registration of a Second-Level Domain that is specified in Schedule 3 is to be limited to a particular class of Registrant, as specified in Schedule 3.
- (2) An application to register a Second-Level Domain that is specified in Schedule 3 is to be moderated prior to acceptance in accordance with Rules made pursuant to this Regulation by the Regulator to ensure that the person requesting registration is eligible to register a .vu Domain Name within that Second-Level Domain.

PART III – ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE REGULATOR

8 The role of the Regulator in the management of the .vu ccTLD

- (1) The functions of the Regulator in relation to the management and administration of the .vu ccTLD and its sub-domains are:
 - (a) to make, amend and enforce Rules made by the Regulator pursuant to this Regulation relating to the management and administration of the .vu ccTLD;
 - (b) to determine the wholesale fee that may be charged by the Registry Operator to Registrars for the registration of .vu Domain Names;

- (b) to select and designate the Registry Operator;
- (c) to request IANA to make a Revocation or Transfer of the .vu ccTLD;
- (d) to accredit Registrars and, where appropriate, withdraw that accreditation;
- (e) to determine the arrangements under which the Registry Operator and Registrars will manage and administer the .vu ccTLD and its sub-domains;
- (f) to monitor the performance of the Registry Operator and Registrars to ensure the operational stability and utility of the .vu ccTLD and, more generally, the Internet's unique identifier system;
- (g) to ensure that Registrars have equal access to Registry Services supplied by the Registry Operator;
- (h) to promote competition, fair trading and consumer protection in the supply of Registration Services;
- (i) to represent the .vu ccTLD at ICANN and other international forums;
- (j) to ensure that Registrars establish and apply appropriate complaint handling and dispute resolution processes to address grievances relating to the registration and administration of .vu Domain Names;
- (k) to ensure that the management and administration of the .vu ccTLD and its sub-domains is responsive to the needs of the Vanuatu Internet community;
- (l) to perform such other functions as are necessary to ensure the effective management and administration of the .vu ccTLD;
- (m) to comply with all laws of Vanuatu and to ensure that the .vu registered domain does not promote activities that are illegal in Vanuatu;
- (n) to promote internet best practice; and
- (o) to ensure that proper security measures are taken at the Registry level, including implementation of DNSSEC.

9 Determination of management and administration arrangements

- (1) Accreditation of a Registrar by the Regulator is to entitle the Registrar to enter into an agreement with the Registry Operator for Registry Services. The Accreditation shall, without limitation, require the Registrar to whom it has been issued to comply with this Regulation and with all Rules promulgated pursuant to this Regulation.
- (2) The Regulator is to enter into an agreement with the Registry Operator to authorise the Registry Operator to provide Registry Services to all authorised Registrars. The agreement shall, without limitation, require the Registry Operator to comply with this Regulation and with all Rules promulgated pursuant to this Regulation.

- (3) Subject to Sub-section (4), the Regulator may, following public consultation covering a period for receipt of comments and submissions of at least 28 days as specified in the TRR Consultation Guide:
 - (a) develop or amend Rules specifying the processes and procedures relating to the management and administration of the .vu ccTLD and its sub-domains with which the Registry Operator and/or Registrars shall comply;
 - (b) amend Registrar Accreditations; and
 - (c) amend the Registry Operator .vu ccTLD management agreement with TRR.
- (4) Where the Regulator determines that in the overall public interest there is a need to develop or amend Rules, amend Registrar Accreditations or to amend the Registry Operator .vu ccTLD Management Contract referred to in Sub-section (3) on an urgent basis that precludes public consultation for 28 days the Regulator may determine a lesser period of public consultation or proceed without public consultation at all, provided that in such circumstances the Regulator subsequently publishes a statement setting out the circumstances that required a shorter period of public consultation or no public consultation, as the case may be.
- (5) The Regulator may in writing direct the Registry Operator or a Registrar:
 - (a) to achieve specific outcomes which are consistent with this Regulation and/or Rules made pursuant to this Regulation; and/or
 - (b) to address a particular matter in a particular manner consistent with this Regulation and/or Rules made pursuant to this Regulation; and/or
 - (c) to require the provision of information, documents or other media in its possession relating to the operation of the Registry or of Registry Services to the Regulator within a reasonable or specified time; and/or
 - (d) to do anything that is consistent with this Regulation and the Rules made pursuant to this Regulation that is convenient or necessary for the operation of the Vanuatu Domain Name System.
- (4) A written direction made under this section:
 - (a) must not have retrospective effect; and
 - (b) is a decision of the Regulator for the purposes of Part 10 of the Act.

10 Matters that may be the subject of a Rule

- (1) This section sets out a non-exhaustive list of examples of matters that may be the subject of Rules under paragraph 8(1)(a).
- (2) The examples are as follows:
 - (a) the operation of the Registry by the Registry Operator, including
 - i) the registration, management, cancellation and transfer of Domain Names; and
 - ii) the process by which Registrars may connect to the Registry;

- (b) access by Registrars to the Registry;
- (c) the registration of Domain Names at or within a Second-Level Domain;
- (d) the dispute resolution and complaint handling processes of Registrars or the Registry Operator;
- (e) the procedures to be followed to prevent .vu Domain Names impinging on intellectual property rights;
- (f) the procedures to be followed by Registrars in the registration, management or cancellation of .vu Domain Names, including the process by which a Registrar may facilitate the transfer of a .vu Domain Name from one Registrant to another Registrant;
- (g) informing consumers about:
 - (i) Registration Services on offer;
 - (ii) the prices of Registration Services;
 - (iii) the other terms and conditions on which Registration Services are offered; or
 - (iv) the availability and use of .vu Domain Names;
- (h) the promotion or marketing of the .vu Top-Level Domain and its sub-domains;
- (i) restrictions on the use of certain types of words or terms in Third-Level Domains, such as subnational place names listed in ISO 3166-2 or obscenities;
- (j) the Moderation of the Third-Level Domains specified in Schedule 3;
- (k) the creation and administration of Fourth-Level Domains;
- (l) the privacy and authorised disclosure of the personal information supplied by a Registrant, including in relation to the supply of a WHOIS Service and the disclosure of Zone Data by the Registry Operator to parties not directly involved in the management of the .vu ccTLD;
- (m) limits on the number of .vu Domain Names that may be registered by any one Registrant.

11 Public consultation

- (1) Before making a Rule under paragraph 8(1)(a), the Regulator must:
 - (a) prepare and publish a discussion paper that:
 - (i) identifies the issues that, in the Regulator's opinion, are relevant to that matter; and
 - (ii) sets out such background material about, and discussion of, those issues as the Regulator thinks appropriate; and
 - (iii) includes a copy of a draft Rule; and
 - (b) cause to be widely published a notice:

- (i) stating that the Regulator is proposing to make a Rule under paragraph 8(1)(a);
 - (ii) giving a short summary of the purpose and effect of the draft Rule; and
 - (iii) identifying the period within which, and the from in which, members of the public may make submissions to the Regulator about the matter.
- (2) The period specified in subsection (1) must run for at least 30 days after the publication of the notice.
 - (3) If interested parties have given comments in accordance with a notice under subsection (1), the Regulator must have due regard to those comments in making, or not making, the Rule, or in amending an existing Rule.
 - (4) Where the Regulator determines that in the overall public interest there is a need to develop or amend a Rule under paragraph 8(1)(a) on an urgent basis that precludes public consultation for 30 days the Regulator may determine a lesser period of public consultation or proceed without public consultation at all, provided that in such circumstances the Regulator subsequently publishes a statement setting out the circumstances that required a shorter period of public consultation or no public consultation, as the case may be.

12 Compliance

A Registry Operator or a Registrar on whom a requirement is imposed by a Rule under section 8 or by a written direction under section 9 must comply with the Rule or the direction.

13 Register of determinations

The Regulator shall publish a copy of all Rules made under section 8 in the public register it maintains for the purposes of section 10 of the Act.

PART IV – THE REGISTRY OPERATOR

14 Interim and On-going Registries and Registry Operators

- (1) Telecom Vanuatu Limited is to be authorised as the interim Registry Operator until such time as an on-going Registry Operator is selected, authorised and ready to commence operations. The Registry operated by Telecom Vanuatu Limited is to be the interim Registry until that time, and the Regulator will publish a statement providing Telecom Vanuatu Limited and the public at least six months' notice before that time.
- (2) Any actual or claimed intellectual property rights acquired by Telecom Vanuatu Limited as a consequence of its management, administration or marketing of the .vu ccTLD shall not be exercised in any way that impedes:
 - (a) the authorisation of a Registry Operator by the Regulator under section 15;
 - (b) A Revocation or Transfer of the .vu ccTLD; or

- (c) the transfer of the records that make up the Registry to a Registry Operator authorised under section 15.
- (3) The Regulator is to develop and carry out a competitive selection process in order to select a person to be the Registry Operator on an ongoing basis, subject to the terms of authorisation.
- (4) In implementing the complete selection process, the Regulator shall:
 - (a) ensure that the publicity for a competitive selection process under subsection (3) is sufficient to notify potential bidders in advance of the implementation of the process;
 - (b) issue a request for proposals that specifies:
 - (i) the details of the Registry Operator role and the selection process for the Registry Operator;
 - (ii) a detailed description of the services to be provided, quality of service obligations, and the operational and security requirements;
 - (iii) the competitive selection process and estimated timelines;
 - (iv) the minimum qualifications and other requirements for eligible bidders and the related evidentiary requirements;
 - (v) the selection and evaluation criteria for evaluating proposals and selecting the winning proposal; and
 - (vi) the form of the .vu ccTLD Management Contract to be executed with the Regulator.
- (5) The Regulator is to include in the qualification criteria based on the ICANN/IANA standards and other requirements for eligible bidders, at a minimum, that the bidder should demonstrate or provide evidence, including appropriate statements of intent where appropriate, that it:
 - (a) is currently, or will on selection become, a company, association or incorporated society legally registered to operate in Vanuatu, or other body established under a law of the Republic of Vanuatu, that has capacity to enter into a contract;
 - (b) has the financial capacity sufficient to establish and operate the Registry;
 - (c) has the technical and administrative competency to establish, operate, manage and administer the Registry;
 - (d) will manage and administer the .vu ccTLD in the interests of the Vanuatu Internet Community and also the global Internet community;
 - (e) has an appropriate and realistic business plan;
 - (g) will have the operations and key servers for the Registry;
 - (h) will conduct itself and manage the Registry in a manner that complies with the laws of the Republic of Vanuatu, this Regulation and all relevant determinations, orders and decisions of the Regulator; and
 - (i) will liaise with ICANN, IANA and appropriate ccTLD authorities as necessary to validate the selected Registry organization.

15 Authorisation of the Registry Operator

- (1) If, following the conduct of a competitive selection process under section 14, the Regulator identifies a suitable and competent person to be the Registry Operator, the Regulator shall authorise that person to be the Registry Operator.
- (2) An authorisation made under subsection (1) is to remain in effect until it is revoked by the Regulator under section 23.
- (3) The Regulator is to inform ICANN that the Regulator is the person authorised by the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu to hold ICANN's delegation of responsibility for the administration of the .vu ccTLD in the Domain Name System root.
- (4) The Regulator is not obliged to authorise any person to be the Registry Operator following the completion of a competitive selection process under section 14, in which case Telecom Vanuatu Limited will continue to be the interim Registry Operator.

16 .vu ccTLD Management Contract

- (1) A person authorised as the Registry Operator under section 15 is to execute a .vu ccTLD Management Contract with the Regulator.
- (2) A .vu ccTLD Management Contract must, at a minimum, incorporate the provisions specified in Rules made pursuant to this Regulation.
- (3) The Regulator is to give a copy of the executed .vu ccTLD Management Contract to ICANN.

17 Role and functions of the Registry Operator

- (1) The Registry Operator is to be responsible for:
 - (a) establishing, operating, maintaining and controlling the Registry and managing the .vu ccTLD under a Shared Registry System;
 - (b) supplying Registry Services to Registrars;
 - (c) cooperating with moderators appointed by the Regulator in relation to requests for the registration of relevant Domain Names for Second-Level Domains that are specified in Schedule 3;
 - (d) where moderators have not been appointed by the Regulator, moderate requests for the registration of Domain Names for Second-Level Domains; and
 - (e) such other duties that the Vanuatu Internet Community believes a modern and neutral Registry Operator should perform.
- (2) The Registry Operator has the management authority for all of the Second-Level Domains specified in Schedule 2.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the Registry Operator is not to be a Registrar at the same time as it is the Registry Operator.
- (4) Telecom Vanuatu Limited may be a Registrar at the same time as it is the interim Registry Operator.

18 Registrar Accreditation

- (1) The Registry Operator is to supply Registry Services to Registrars in accordance with the Registrar's accreditation by the Regulator.

19 Revocation of the authorisation of a Registry Operator

- (1) The Regulator may revoke the authorisation of a Registry Operator where:
 - (a) the Registry Operator has been declared bankrupt, is being wound-up pursuant to the *Companies Act* (or has had a liquidator appointed);
 - (b) the Registry Operator has been found guilty of a crime in a court in the Republic of Vanuatu or in any other jurisdiction; or
 - (c) the Registry Operator has failed to comply with the obligations imposed by:
 - (i) this Regulation;
 - (ii) a Rule made by the Regulator under section 9;
 - (iii) A direction made by the Regulator under section 9; or
 - (iv) the .vu ccTLD Management Contract; andthe failure is considered to be serious or ongoing, or both, as determined by the Regulator.

PART V – REGISTRARS

20 Accreditation of Registrars

- (1) A person may apply to the Regulator for accreditation as a Registrar of .vu Domain Names.
- (2) An application for accreditation must be in accordance with Rules made pursuant to this Regulation by the Regulator from time to time.
- (3) The Regulator is to process applications for accreditation in the order in which they are received.
- (4) The Regulator is to endeavour to process an application for accreditation within 30 days of receipt of the application under subsection (3).
- (5) There shall be no limit to the number of Registrars that the Regulator may accredit.

21 Obligations and responsibilities of a Registrar

- (1) A Registrar is to:

- (a) comply with the requirements of the laws of Vanuatu, this Regulation, Rules and directions made by the Regulator pursuant to this Regulation, and the terms of its Accreditation by the Regulator;
 - (b) pay to TRR and the Registry operator all applicable fees associated with each .vu Domain Name registered;
 - (c) ensure that its employees are trained on and informed of all of the Registrar's obligations; and
 - (d) establish a dispute and complaint resolution process that is:
 - (i) consistent with this Regulation and Rules made by the regulator; and
 - (ii) clearly publicised and readily accessible to Registrants.
- (2) A Registrar may only seek to register a .vu Domain Name at the request of a Registrant, unless the Domain Name is for the Registrar's own use and its registration has been specifically approved by the Regulator.

22 Terms and conditions for the supply of Registration Services

- (1) A Registrar shall supply Registration Services to a Registrant on terms and conditions that are consistent with the laws of Vanuatu, this Regulation and Rules and directions made by the Regulator pursuant to this Regulation.

23 Revocation of the accreditation of a Registrar

- (1) The Regulator may revoke the accreditation of a Registrar in the following circumstances:
- (a) the Registrar has been declared bankrupt, is being wound-up pursuant to the *Companies Act* or has had a liquidator appointed;
 - (b) the Registrar has been found guilty of a crime in a court in the Republic of Vanuatu or in any other jurisdiction; or
 - (c) the Registrar has failed to comply with the obligations imposed by:
 - (i) this Regulation or Rules and directions made by the Regulator pursuant to this Regulation; or
 - (ii) the Registrar's accreditation; andthe failure is considered to be serious or ongoing, or both, as determined by the Regulator; or
 - (d) the Registrar has not connected to the Shared Registry System within six months of the date of accreditation.

Schedule 1: Domain Name Hierarchy

www	.fourth	.example	.com	.vu
Host name	Forth-Level Domain, a subdomain of .example	Third-Level Domain, a subdomain of .com	Second-Level Domain, a subdomain of '.vu'	Top-level domain (TLD), specifically a Country Code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD).

In the above case using the example, *www.fourth.example.com.vu*, *.vu* is the top level domain, *.com* is the second level domain, *.example* is the domain name and *.fourth* is the subdomain.

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Schedule 2: Listed Second-Level Domains

Second Level Domain	Purpose
.com.vu	For organisations and individuals involved in commercial activities.
.org.vu	For charities and non-profit organisations.
.net.vu	For organisations and individuals involved in the establishment and provision of network and online services.
.edu.vu	For registered educational institutions accepted as such by the Ministry of Education.
.gov.vu	For central and local-level Government agencies and organisations operating with statutory powers.

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Schedule 3: Moderated Second-Level Domains

Second Level Domain	Persons eligible to apply to register a Domain Name
.edu.vu	A registered educational institution.
.gov.vu	A central and local-level Government agency or an organisation operating with statutory powers.

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