Rules of Operation for Auctions of Priority Right to Register Domain Names

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2. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

2.1. This document sets out the conditions of the Auction system.

2.2. Terms used in the Rules of Operation will have the meanings set out in the Auction Rules; rules not defined in the Auction Rules will have the meanings set out in the Registration Rules.

3. LIST OF DOMAIN NAMES TO BE AUCTIONED

3.1. The list of domain names to which the Priority Right can be auctioned is published 15 days before the start of the Auction.

4. AUCTION TIME

4.1. The Auction of the Priority Right will open daily at 12:00:00 and close at 21:00:00.

4.2. If at least one bid is made during the last 5 minutes, the Auction is extended for a further 5 minutes. The same rule will apply even when multiple bids are made during the last 5 minutes of the Auction. The Auction may be extended maximally to 9:00:00 on the day following the start of the Auction.

4.3. Opening and closing of the Auction is the time currently valid in the time zone of CZ.NIC.

5. BIDDING

5.1. The minimum bid of the Participant depends on the current price offered in the Auction. The Participant´s bids are set as follows:

Current offered price in CZK		Minimum bid in CZK
From	To	
100	999	100
1 000	4 999	100
5 000	9 999	100
10 000	99 999	1 000
100 000	999 999	1 000
1 000 000	9 999 999	10 000
10 000 000	and more	100 000

5.2. The Participant can set a limit of the maximum price for the Priority Right to a particular Domain Name that he is willing to pay, and the Auction system will bid up to that amount automatically. The system will always outbid other Participants by the minimum amount of the bidding value according to Article 5.1, only until the Participant´s set limit for the maximum price is met, or by an amount lower than the amount specified in Article 5.1, if it is still possible to increase or level the price to the level of the maximum amount of the Participant who led the auction. The Participant is entitled to adjust the limit for the maximum price for the auctioned Priority Right to a specific Domain Name during the Auction.

6. RELISTING OF DOMAIN NAME IN THE LIST OF DOMAIN NAMES TO WHICH THE PRIORITY RIGHT WILL BE AUCTIONED

6.1. If

6.1.1. the price of the Priority Right to Domain Name is not paid in accordance with the Auction Rules; or

6.1.2. the Priority Right according to the Auction Rules is not exercised

the relevant Domain Name may be relisted in the list of Domain Names to which the Priority Right of registration will be auctioned a maximum of five times.

7. LIMITS FOR TRACKING AND FOR PARTICIPATION IN AUCTIONS

7.1. The Participant may track (follow) a maximum of 100 Auctions.

7.2. The number of Auctions in which a Participant actively participates (i.e. bids) is limited to a maximum of 50 Auctions. This limit includes Auctions in which the Participant has already successfully auctioned the Priority Right but has not yet paid for it).

7.3. The limitation under Article 7.2 will not apply to a Participant who deposits a security of CZK 100,000. The security is not intended for paying for auctioned Priority Rights (i.e. the Participant must pay for the auctioned Priority Right as instructed). The security may be used to pay contractual penalties as per the Auction Rules. The security will be returned to the Participant upon request, less any outstanding contractual penalties under the Auction Rules. The security will not affect any restrictions on participation in the Auction resulting from provisions of the Auction Rules other than Article 7.2 of the Rules of Operation.

8. TIME LIMITS

8.1. The price for the Priority Right is due 7 days from the date of the Auction end. The amount includes VAT at the statutory rate.

8.2. Contractual penalty in case of non-payment for the Priority Right is due 10 days from the date of delivery of the notice from CZ.NIC.

8.3. Time limit for exercising the Priority Right: 7 days from the date of receipt of payment of the price for the Priority Right.

9. INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

9.1. CZ.NIC may interrupt or limit the operation of the Auction system for maintenance (temporary shutdown). The date of the temporary shutdown and its approximate duration is indicated at https://aukce.nic.cz, at least 24 hours in advance. This does not apply to temporary shutdowns where the service is expected to be interrupted for up to 5 minutes. Temporary shutdowns are generally scheduled for night hours (22 - 06). The duration of the temporary shutdown will not change the duration of the Auction.

9.2. Any limitation or unavailability of the Auction system that is not a temporary shutdown is an outage. If an outage prevents or restricts the start/end of the Auction (outage 30 minutes or less before the start or end of the Auction), CZ.NIC is entitled to change the duration/start of the Auction. The information is provided at https://aukce.nic.cz and in case of an ongoing Auction, Users who have placed a bid in the Auction or track the Auction are informed.