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New rules on .pt domain name registration

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On the following February 2nd rules on .pt domain names registration applicable to new proceedings come into forceⁱ, which have been approved by the DNS.PT Association (“DNS”) – the entity responsible for the management, registration and maintenance of .pt domain names.

The new regulation brings more transparency to the regime, not only through the improvement of the rules’ arrangement within the regulation, which facilitates their search and a holistic understanding of the regime, but also through the simplified text writing, now clearer.

Among the main changes, we highlight the following:

- (i) the mandatory disclosure of the managing body’s data - name, address and email (not applicable to managing body’s data deemed confidential at the enforcement date);
- (ii) the assignment of the Technical Contact’s tasks to the managing body;
- (iii) the transfer of management of a domain name carried out exclusively online;
- (iv) the loss of DNS’s ability to suspend or remove, on its own initiative, domain names whenever detected the reiterated practice of speculative and abusive domain name registrations by the owner, although DNS can still remove domain names, within the prescribed period, whenever the registration admissibility requirements are not met;
- (v) the registration of new domain names under “.org.pt” or “.edu.pt” is no longer possible, however, those already registered as such may still be to assigned or renewed;
- (vi) the removal of DNS’s duty to inform the managing body of the forthcoming expiry date of its domain name;

At last, despite that the prices and deadlines for registration or renewal have not been changed, DNS has the right to change them at all times.

ⁱ Regulation available [herein](#).