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Start of liberalization under ccTLD .EE as from 5 July 2010

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In ECTA Flash No. 01-10 of 05 January 2010 the news about the pending reforms under ccTLD .EE were announced and the start of the liberalization was expected as from 1 February 2010. Since then, the new manager of .EE has postponed the deadline several times and has announced now on its website the start of the liberalization as from 5 July 2010 (please visit http://www.eestiinternet.ee/eng/news/the-transition-to-new-domain-rules-will-take-place-on-july-5-2010/_year/2010/). The new Domain Regulation is published (see <http://www.eestiinternet.ee/eng/domain-regulation/domain-regulation>) and will become effective on the same day.

The major changes concern no number limits to the domain names per person, private individuals and foreign persons will be able to register domain names under .ee, the domain name registration will take place on a dual level (through Registrars, i.e. Internet Service Providers), the relevant fees will be set on domain names. The valid domain name registrations shall be re-registered through the Registrars during the six-month transition period. The list of accredited Registrars has been published on the new manager's website (please visit <http://www.eestiinternet.ee/eng/registrar/list-of-registrars>)

There will be no sunrise or other preventive measures applied for the trademark owners or the owners of other earlier rights. The voluntary Alternative Dispute Resolution procedure will be introduced.

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