



GLOBALBLOCK DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY

FORUM'S SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

1. Definitions

- (a) **The Rules** means the Rules contained within the GlobalBlock Dispute Resolution Policy.
- (b) **The Policy** means the GlobalBlock Dispute Resolution Policy adopted January 31, 2024.
- (c) **FORUM** means the dispute provider administering the GlobalBlock Dispute Resolution Policy and author of these Supplemental Rules.
- (d) **Complainant** means the single person or entity, or multiple legally related or affiliated persons or entities, bringing the claim under the Policy.
- (e) **Respondent** means the single person or entity, or multiple legally related or affiliated persons or entities, against whom the dispute is brought under the Policy.
- (f) **Party** means Complainant or Respondent.
- (g) **Registry Operator** means the entity that is a Party to the Registry Agreement with ICANN to operate a TLD, or the entity that has been designated to manage a ccTLD as identified by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Root Zone Database. For purposes of these rules, Registry Services Providers are included in the definition of Registry Operator.
- (h) **BSA** means Brand Safety Alliance LLC.
- (i) **Submit.** In these Supplemental Rules or in a FORUM or Panel Order, documents are deemed Submitted when received by FORUM's e-mail server based on U.S. Central Time;
- (j) **Calendar Days** means that all days, including weekends and international and national holidays, shall be counted in determining all deadlines and due dates.

Exceptions-Deadlines:

(i) In the event that a deadline falls on a United States federal holiday, as defined by 5 U.S.C. §6103, the deadline shall be extended to the following Calendar Day.

(ii) In the event that a Calendar Day deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline shall be extended to the following Calendar Day.

2. Scope

FORUM will apply the Policy, the Rules, and FORUM's Supplemental Rules in effect at the time a Complaint is Submitted. FORUM's Supplemental Rules may be amended by FORUM in its sole discretion.

3. Communications

All communications must be directed to FORUM and not to the Panel. The Parties may communicate with each other and FORUM need not be copied on the correspondence unless or until there is a settlement resolving the case pursuant to Supplemental Rule 6.

4. The Complaint

- (a) The Complaint must include all elements listed in Paragraph 3.3 of the Policy.
- (b) The Complaint must be sent to FORUM by e-mail (domaindispute@adrforum.com).
 - (i) The Complaint (see sub-paragraph (a) above) must be a separate file (file must not include Annexes).
 - (ii) All documents must be in a format as specified in Annex A to these Supplemental Rules, unless approved by FORUM in advance.
 - (iii) Individual files must not exceed the file size restrictions as set forth in Annex A to these Supplemental Rules unless approved by FORUM in advance. The Annexes may be divided into multiple files as needed.
 - (iv) No individual email, including attachments, may exceed the email size restrictions set forth in Annex A to these Supplemental Rules unless approved by FORUM in advance. Multiple emails may be used to transmit a single set of Complaint documents; the subject line of each email relating to a single Complaint must reference the fact that multiple emails have been sent (refer to Annex A for suggested wording).
 - (v) FORUM may rename electronic files compatible with internal naming conventions, for ease of internal and Panel use.

5. The Response

- (a) The Response must include all elements listed in Paragraph 3.7 of the Policy.

- (b) The method used by FORUM to communicate to the Respondent will be:
- (i) the e-mail address Respondent provided in the Response;
 - (ii) if no Response is Submitted or if no e-mail address is provided in the Response, the e-mail address of the Respondent is the email address provided to FORUM by the Registry Operator.
- (c) The Response must be sent to FORUM by e-mail (domaindispute@adrforum.com).
- (i) The Response (see sub-paragraph (a) above) must be a separate file (file must not include Annexes).
 - (ii) All documents must be in a format as specified in Annex A to these Supplemental Rules, unless approved by FORUM in advance.
 - (iii) Individual files must not exceed the file size restrictions as set forth in Annex A to these Supplemental Rules unless approved by FORUM in advance. The Annexes may be divided into multiple files as needed.
 - (iv) No individual email, including attachments, may exceed the email size restrictions set forth in Annex A to these Supplemental Rules unless approved by FORUM in advance; multiple emails may be used to transmit a single set of Response documents; the subject line of each email relating to a single Response must reference the fact that multiple emails have been sent (refer to Annex A for suggested wording).
 - (v) FORUM may rename electronic files compatible with internal naming conventions, for ease of internal and Panel use.

6. Extensions and Stays

(a) Extensions for Filing a Response

- (i) A ten Calendar Day extension may be given should exceptional circumstances exist preventing a timely filing of a response, To receive a ten Calendar Day extension, Respondent must:
 - (A) Notify FORUM of the extension request via email (to the case coordinator and/or to domaindispute@adrforum.com), and
 - (B) copy Complainant.

FORUM will “reply to all,” notifying the Respondent of the new Response deadline.

- (ii) FORUM may exercise its discretion in determining whether exceptional circumstances exist warranting an extension.

(b) Stays of the Administrative Proceeding and Settlement

- (i) If a Panel has not been appointed by FORUM, Parties may jointly request a stay for a one-time period of forty-five Calendar Days, provided that both Parties have agreed to the stay in writing and that the Parties Submit the signed agreement to FORUM; an electronic signature (refer to Annex A) will be accepted. A model form is available on FORUM's website: <link>

- (ii) Prior to expiration of the stay, at least one Party must request in writing that the case be reinstated. Absent this written request, FORUM will automatically dismiss the case without prejudice.

- (iii) Settlement

- (A) Should the Parties reach a settlement, a settlement form must be provided to FORUM for the Registry Operator to implement the terms of the settlement agreement. The settlement form is available at <link>.

- (B) Once the settlement terms have been implemented by the Registry Operator, the Complainant must notify FORUM in writing of that fact. A form that may be used for this purpose is available at <link>.

7. Submission of other Written Statements and Documents

If a Party requests an additional written submission be considered by the Panel, the additional submission must be sent to FORUM along with proof of service on the opposing Party. FORUM will forward all additional submissions to the Panel. It is within the discretion of the Panel to accept or consider additional unsolicited submission(s).

8. The Record of the Administrative Proceeding.

The Complaint, Response, and additional written statements and documents provided in Paragraph 7 of these Supplemental Rules constitute the complete record to be considered by the Panel.

9. Appointment of the Panel and Timing of Decision

FORUM will maintain and publish a list of Panelists and their qualifications to which any Party will be directed on FORUM's web site, <https://www.adrforum.com/domain-dispute/search-panelists>. FORUM will appoint a Panelist from this list to serve as a single-member Panel and the Panel will issue a decision within the time permitted under the Policy.

10. Impartiality and Independence

- (a) All FORUM Panelists will take an oath to be neutral and independent.
- (b) A Panelist will be disqualified if circumstances exist that create a conflict of interest or cause the Panelist to be unfair and biased or give rise to justifiable doubt as to the Panelist's impartiality or independence, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) The Panelist has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a Party or personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts;
 - (ii) The Panelist has served as an attorney to any Party or the Panelist has been associated with an attorney who has represented a Party during that association;
 - (iii) The Panelist, individually or as a fiduciary, or the Panelist's spouse or minor child residing in the Panelist's household, has a direct financial interest in a matter before the Panelist;
 - (iv) The Panelist or the Panelist's spouse, or a person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such a person:
 - (1) Is a Party to the proceeding, or an officer, director, or trustee of a Party; or
 - (2) Is acting as a lawyer or representative in the proceeding.
- (c) A Party may challenge the selection of a Panelist, provided that a decision has not already been issued, by filing with FORUM a written request stating the circumstances and specific reasons for the disqualification.
- (d) A request to challenge must be filed in writing with FORUM within five (5) Calendar Days of the date of receipt of the notice of the selection.
- (e) Provided a decision has not already been issued by the selected Panelist, FORUM will promptly review the challenge and determine whether circumstances exist requiring Panelist disqualification in accord with this rule.

11. Communications Between Parties and the Panel

- (a) No Party may directly communicate with a Panelist.
- (b) The Parties may communicate with the FORUM Case Coordinator assigned to their proceeding by phone or e-mail.
- (c) Any request by a Party for any type of action by FORUM or the Panel must be communicated in writing to FORUM and the opposing Party(s).

12. Withdrawal

- (a) Prior to Commencement
 - (i) Before the five (5) Business Day deficiency correction period described in paragraph 3.6 of the Policy expires, the Complainant may withdraw the Complaint without prejudice. A withdrawal request must be Submitted to FORUM in writing and signed by the Complainant; an electronic signature complying (refer to Annex A) will be accepted. Upon FORUM's receipt of the withdrawal request, the Complaint will be withdrawn without prejudice and the administrative proceeding will be terminated.
- (b) After Commencement and Prior to Response:
 - (i) After commencement, but before FORUM has received a Response that complies with Supplemental Rule 5, the Complaint may be withdrawn by the Complainant. A withdrawal request must be Submitted to FORUM in writing and signed by the Complainant; an electronic signature (refer to Annex A) will be accepted. A Complaint dismissed by FORUM pursuant to this Supplemental Rule 12(b)(i) will be dismissed without prejudice.
 - (ii) After commencement, but before FORUM has received a Response that complies with Supplemental Rule 5, the Complaint may be withdrawn pursuant to a joint request made by both Parties. A withdrawal request must be Submitted to FORUM in writing and signed by both Parties; electronic signatures (refer to Annex A) will be accepted. A Complaint dismissed by FORUM pursuant to this Supplemental Rule 12(b)(ii) will be dismissed with prejudice unless the Parties agree otherwise.
- (c) After Response is received: After a Response that complies with Supplemental Rule 5 has been received by FORUM, but before a Panel

decision is issued, the Complaint may be withdrawn if both Parties agree to the withdrawal. A withdrawal request must be Submitted to FORUM in writing and signed by both Parties; electronic signatures (refer to Annex A) will be accepted. A Complaint dismissed by FORUM pursuant to this Supplemental Rule 12(c) will be dismissed with prejudice unless the Parties agree otherwise.

(d) The Complaint cannot be withdrawn after a Panel decision is issued.

13. Panel Decisions

Panel decisions will meet the requirements set forth in paragraph 3.10 of the Policy and will be of a length that the Panel deems appropriate.

14. Correction of Clerical Mistakes.

Clerical mistakes or typographical errors in the Panel’s decision arising from oversight or omission by the Panel may be corrected by FORUM.

15. Conclusion of the Proceedings.

Once the Panel’s decision is issued, the case is closed with FORUM. No further submissions or requests will be considered.

16. Fees (U.S. Dollars)

(a) Rights Verification Dispute Fee: \$1,300 USD

(b) Blocking Challenge Dispute and Unblocking Challenge Dispute Fee:

Number of Disputed Domain Names/Labels	Fee in USD
1 – 2	\$1,300
3 – 5	\$1,500
6 – 10	\$1,800
11 – 15	\$2,200
16 or more	Please contact FORUM for a fee quote.

Fees to be paid to FORUM as provided in these Supplemental Rules must be paid in U.S. Dollars and are non-refundable.

(b) Forms of payment

Payment shall be made in one of the following forms:

- (i) Credit card;
- (ii) Certified check; or
- (iii) Personal/business check.

(c) If any form of payment is cancelled, stopped, returned unpaid or dishonored, without prior written authorization from FORUM, FORUM reserves the right to charge a service fee of \$50 for each cancelled, stopped, returned or dishonored payment.

17. Effective Date

These Supplemental Rules apply to all cases filed on or after January 1, 2024.

ANNEX A TO FORUM'S SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

The purpose of this annex is to define technical requirements for electronic submissions.

1. Types of Files Supported

FORUM will accept files having the following extensions. If you have a file in a format not specified, you must have advance permission from FORUM or your submission may be rejected.

- (a) .pdf
- (b) .doc/.docx
- (c) .rtf
- (d) .jpg
- (e) .tiff
- (f) .xls/.xlsx
- (g) .htm/.html

2. File Size Restrictions

- (a) No individual file may exceed 10 MB; a preferred file size limitation is 5 MB.
- (b) No Party may submit electronic case documents in excess of 50MB, in the aggregate, per case number, without advance approval from FORUM (such approval will be limited to very large or complex cases).

3. Email Size Restrictions

- (a) No individual email may exceed 10 MB.
- (b) The documents for a single case number may be sent in multiple emails, subject to the limitations in 2(b), above.

SUGGESTIONS AND REMINDERS

Multiple Email Suggestions

- (a) FORUM suggests that each email relating to a single case be notated in the subject line with a single representative domain name by which all of the emails can be linked; if an FA number has already been assigned, FORUM requests that the Parties use that number in the subject line of all correspondence.
- (b) FORUM suggests that each email relating to a single case bear a notation in the subject line indicating the number of emails in the batch.
- (c) FORUM suggests that each email relating to a single case indicate what the Party is filing.

Example : COMPLAINT regarding <domain.com> 1 of 3

Example: RESPONDENT'S ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION FA##### 1 of 1

Electronic Signatures

The UDRP permits "any electronic signature." FORUM recommends the following:

- (a) A scanned signature inserted into the appropriate place in a document.
- (b) The use of /s/ to indicate an electronic signature (i.e. /s/ John Doe)

FORUM does not accept links to files located on external servers and is not responsible for gathering electronic files. All files must be sent to FORUM following the Policy and Supplemental Rules.