

TLD Registration Policies

Mission:

The primary mission and purpose of the .HomeGoods TLD is to offer a trusted and secure location for individuals and companies to access information regarding the goods and/or services provided by The TJX Companies, Inc. (“TJX” or “Registry Operator”), obtain customer service, and exchange information. With more than 3,000 stores on multiple contents, TJX is a leading worldwide off-price retailer of apparel and home fashions. TJX intends to operate the .HomeGoods TLD as a closed registry consistent with the mission and purpose of the TLD.

Specifically, TJX’s goals for the .HomeGoods TLD are to:

1. Provide a secure location for TJX-branded content and/or services;
2. Ensure no customer confusion regarding location or authenticity of TJX-branded content and/or services; and
3. Provide Internet users a safe location for interacting with TJX.

TJX’s Registration Policies:

TJX intends for the .HomeGoods TLD to be managed and operated exclusively by and for TJX, along with its qualified subsidiaries, affiliates and trademark licensees. As TJX intends to use the .HomeGoods TLD for its own branding purposes, most of the registration policies will be incorporated into existing corporate policies and/or trademark licenses.

The following comprise .HomeGoods TLD registration policies:

1. .HomeGoods Domain Name Eligibility Requirements
2. Acceptable Use Policy
3. Rights Protection Mechanisms
4. Two-Character Names Policy
5. Privacy

1. TJX Domain Name Eligibility Requirements

This .HomeGoods Domain Registration Eligibility policy sets forth guidelines for what domain names may be registered in the .HomeGoods TLD, as well as which individuals or entities may register or control the DNS records associated with these domains. Only TJX and its qualified subsidiaries, affiliates, and trademark licensees (consistent with Specification 13 requirements) (the “Qualified Registrants”) will be allowed to request and obtain domain registrations in the .HomeGoods TLD. Further, only TJX and its Qualified Registrants will be able to control the DNS records associated with domain names in the .HomeGoods TLD. TJX reserves the right to delete any second level registration for any reason, including but not limited to a second level registrant no longer qualifying as a Qualified Registrant. Only a Qualified Registrant may take transfer of a

domain name in the .HomeGoods TLD. Should a registrant of a domain name in the .HomeGoods TLD cease to be a Qualified Registrant, Registry Operator (as defined herein) will revoke the domain name registration or will transfer the domain name to another Qualified Registrant that Registry Operator selects, at its sole discretion.

TJX reserves the right to modify its Domain Name Eligibility Requirements in its sole discretion, in accordance with ICANN regulation, and without prior notice, as well as the internal procedures established for requesting, approving, and registering names in the .HomeGoods TLD.

2. Acceptable Use Policy

This Acceptable Use Policy sets forth the criteria and procedures by which TJX can lock, cancel, suspend, transfer or take ownership of a domain name in the .HomeGoods TLD, either temporarily or permanently. The Acceptable Use policy may be invoked if a domain name in the .HomeGoods TLD is being used in a manner that appears to threaten the stability, integrity or security of the .HomeGoods TLD or in a fashion that may put the safety and security of a .HomeGoods TLD registrant or user at risk or otherwise violates a TJX policy or procedure. The process also allows the Registry Operator to take preventive measures to avoid criminal or security threats.

The Acceptable Use Policy may be triggered through a variety of channels, including, among others, private complaint, public alert, government or law enforcement agency outreach, or on-going monitoring the Registry Operator or its partners. In all cases, Registry Operator or its designees will alert the sponsoring registrar(s) about any identified threats.

The following are some (but not all) activities that may trigger rapid domain takedown:

- **Phishing:** the attempt by a third party to acquire personally identifiable information by masquerading as a TJX website.
- **Pharming:** the redirection of Internet users to websites other than those the user intends to visit, usually through unauthorized changes to the Hosts file on a victim's computer or DNS records in DNS servers.
- **Dissemination of Malware:** the intentional creation and distribution of "malicious" software designed to infiltrate a computer system without the owner's consent, including, without limitation, computer viruses, worms, key loggers, and Trojans.
- **Fast Flux Hosting:** a technique used to shelter Phishing, Pharming and Malware sites and networks from detection and to frustrate methods employed to defend against such practices, whereby the IP address associated with fraudulent websites are changed rapidly so as to make the true location of the sites difficult to find.
- **Botnetting:** the development and use of a command, agent, motor, service, or software which is implemented: (1) to remotely control the computer or computer system of an Internet user without their knowledge or consent, (2) to generate direct denial of service ("DDOS") attacks.

- Malicious Hacking: the attempt to gain unauthorized access (or exceed the level of authorized access) to a computer, information system, user account or profile, database, or security system.
- Child Pornography: the storage, publication, display and/or dissemination of pornographic materials depicting individuals under the age of majority in the relevant jurisdiction.

Registry Operator reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to take any administrative and operational actions necessary, including, but not limited to, the use of computer forensics and information security technological services in order to implement the Acceptable Use Policy. In addition, Registry Operator reserves the right to deny, cancel, suspend, transfer, or otherwise alter any registration or transaction, or to place any domain name(s) on registry lock, hold or similar status, that it deems necessary, in its discretion (1) to protect the integrity and stability of the registry; (2) to comply with any applicable laws, government rules or requirements, requests of law enforcement, or any dispute resolution process; (3) to avoid any liability, civil or criminal, on the part of Registry Operator as well as its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees; (4) to enforce the terms of the registration agreement or (5) to correct mistakes made by Registry Operator or any Registrar in connection with a domain name registration. TJX also reserves the right to place upon registry lock, hold or similar status a domain name during resolution of a dispute or court proceeding or to enforce the .HomeGoods TLD Domain Name Eligibility Requirements.

Registry Operator reserves the right to modify this Acceptable Use Policy without prior notice and in its sole discretion as allowed by ICANN policy and regulation.

3. Rights Protection Mechanisms

TJX is committed to following all mandatory ICANN rights protection mechanisms aimed at protecting third party intellectual property rights within the .HomeGoods TLD. TJX plans to operate and maintain the .HomeGoods space as an extension of its current branding activities and to limit the registration and control of DNS records associated with .HomeGoods domain names to TJX and its Qualified Registrants; therefore, it is highly unlikely that names under .HomeGoods would infringe upon the intellectual property rights of third parties.

Nevertheless, TJX plans to implement all Rights Protection Mechanisms (“RPMs”) as required by ICANN, including:

- Implementation of the Trademark Claims Process
- Implementation of the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (“UDRP”)
- Implementation of the Uniform Rapid Suspension (“URS”) mechanism

4. Two-Character Names Policy

Pursuant to the policies outlined above, Registry Operator and its Qualified

Registrants will be the sole registrants of all domain names within the .HomeGoods TLD. Registry Operator has no affiliation with any government or country-code top-level domain manager, and as such, none of the domain names within the .HomeGoods TLD are registered to, operated by, sponsored by, or endorsed by a government or country-code top-level domain manager.

Registry Operator will take reasonable steps to investigate and respond to any reports from governmental agencies and ccTLD operators of conduct that causes confusion with the corresponding country code in connection with the use of a letter/letter two-character ASCII .HomeGoods TLD domain. Such complaints should be directed to the .HomeGoods TLD Abuse Contact and sent via e-mail to the following address: tjxregistries@fairwindspartners.com.

5. Privacy

TJX will ensure that the operation of the .HomeGoods TLD will be consistent with TJX's Privacy Notice, available on its website at: <https://www.tjx.com/privacy.html>