CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Nominet expressly prohibits .UK domains from being used for any unlawful purpose. Where a law enforcement agency notifies Nominet that a domain is being used for criminal activity, Nominet makes every effort to suspend the domain within 30 days, subject to any legal requirements. Where a domain has already been transferred on a court order, Nominet will collaborate with the registrar and enforcement agencies to support the legal process.

Dispute Resolution Service (DRS)
A suspension request may not result in a suspension for a number of reasons – for example, the domain name may have already been transferred on a court order, or the domain may be suspended due to a duplicate request. A request to suspend a domain must be made by the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the matter, and must be supported by sufficient evidence. Details of the evidence required are available on the Nominet website.

How it works
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Requests Not Resulting in Suspensions

OFFENSIVE NAMES

New / Renewed Registrations
Expiring Definitions

Requests

8. National Crime Agency
7. Trading Standards
6. National Fraud Intelligence Bureau
5. Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
4. Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
3. Ministry of Defence Police
2. Veterinary Medicines Directorate (DEFRA)
1. Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit

204719 172 9. New domain registrations are run through an automated process that didn't result in suspensions.
8. Of the 32,927 domains suspended during the period, 32,669 were .UK domains registered for an ordinary purpose.
7. The remaining 2,250 were .UK domains registered for a limited purpose.

How it works

Nominet prohibits the registration of domain names that promote or incite serious sexual offences (where there is no reasonable or legitimate use for that domain).


For example, Nominet has removed over 12 million domains that now underpin sophisticated network analytics used by governments and enterprises to mitigate cyber threats. The company provides registry services for top level domains, and is exploring the System (DNS) that now underpins sophisticated network analytics.

For 20 years, Nominet has run the .UK internet infrastructure, developing an expertise in the Domain Name System (DNS) that now underpins sophisticated network analytics used by governments and enterprises to mitigate cyber threats.

Russell Haworth, Nominet CEO

Tackling online criminal activity
1st November 2017 - 31st October 2018

Nominet operates at the heart of the UK internet infrastructure, responsible for running the .UK domain. We work closely with law enforcement agencies and our expertise in network analytics helps tackle this problem through the established processes and cyber security tools we have in place.