

## Domain Name Law and Practice

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| 15 April 2005  | Country<br>Overviews | Slovenia (“.si”) |
| <b>New rules for domain name registrations for “.si”</b>   |                      |                  |
| <p>The <a href="#">Academic and Research Network of Slovenia (ARNES)</a>, which administers the ccTLD “.si”, has adopted <a href="#">new rules for domain name registrations for “.si”</a>. The new rules are effective from 4 April 2005.</p> <p>Under the old rules registrations under “.si” were restricted to Slovenian commercial entities, although foreign companies with registered Slovenian trade marks could register their company name or trade mark.</p> <p>Under the new registration requirement, all “eligible entities” will be able to register any available domain name on a first come, first served basis. The number of registrations will be limited to a maximum of 20 and proof of ownership of the brand will still be required. The definition of eligible entities is still unclear at this point, however.</p> <p>The second significant change is that on 4 April 2005 Slovenia, by following the examples of other national registrars, also started a registrar system. Before 4 April 2005 the applicants/domain holders registered their domains directly with Arnes. Under the new system, Arnes will keep its basic function as a Registry, but all other functions will be taken over by registrars.</p> <p>With the liberalization of registration requirements, ARNES expects there to be more domain name disputes, and has therefore developed a new alternative domain name dispute resolution system, ARDS, in coordination with The University of Law in Ljubljana.</p> |                      |                  |