Nominet expresses the concern that it does not have the capability of identifying all illegal websites and that some may be blocked after they have been viewed by or accessed by users. A number of requests also concern what are described as ‘criminal activity’. Under these circumstances, Nominet appoints an independent reviewer to examine the matter and make a determination on whether the domain in question should be blocked.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Nominet expressly prohibits .UK domains from being used for any unlawful purpose. When alerted by law enforcement agencies, we work quickly with our registrar to suspend domains. Suspended domains cannot be used as part of a website or email address.

Suspended domains

Law enforcement agency notifies Nominet that a domain is being used for criminal activity
Nominet makes administrative checks
Nominet notifies the registrant and works with the registrar to suspend the domain

requests not resulting in suspensions

If a domain name is in breach, the registrant and registrar are notified and the domain suspended and blocked so that no one can register that domain in the future.

NEW / RENEWED REGISTRATIONS

Existing registrations

Nominet receives a complaint about an existing domain name
Any complaints about website content and not the domain name are referred to law enforcement

Each flagged domain name is manually checked to ensure no false positives go through existing domain names suspended and blocked following a full review of the registry potential breaches flagged?

OFFENSIVE NAMES

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).

SUSPENSIONS BY REQUESTING AGENCY

Requests not resulting in suspensions
Requests received in the specified 12 months that didn’t result in suspensions
Suspensions upheld
Domains suspended for criminal activity in the specified twelve months
Suspensions by requesting agency

SUSPENSIONS REVERSED

Suspensions reversed
Suspensions reversed

NOMINET

Nominet is an international internet company with a team of 150 people based in Oxford and London. It is a public benefit company with 2,800 members. Since 1996, Nominet has managed and run domain names that end in .UK and is now one of the world’s largest country code registries. With the proceeds of their successful registry business, Nominet set up and supports the Nominet Trust, an independent charitable foundation focussed on increasing access, safety and education on internet issues.

Nominet Trust

Rights holders who wish to seek control of a domain name they believe should be theirs, might be interested in our Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) as outlined here: http://www.nominet.uk/domains/resolving-uk-domain-disputes-and-complaints/

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT:

http://www.nominet.uk/nominet-formalises-approach-to-tackling-criminal-activity-on-uk-domains/

NOMINET FORMALISES APPROACH TO TACKLING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

1 November 2014 – 31 October 2015

Nominet is a technology company noted for running a key part of the UK internet infrastructure – the naming and addressing system for .UK domain names. We work with law enforcement agencies to help protect internet users from criminality online.

requests not resulting in suspensions

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reversals

if the request is a suspended domain name. Nominet will decide whether the domain should be suspended on the advice of its independent reviewer. If the law enforcement agency is satisfied, Nominet will cause the domain name to be suspended.

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