

*Functional and technical  
specifications of the new  
registrant change  
procedure*

**Rules for the .fr, .pm, .re, .tf, .wf and .yt TLDs**

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## 1. Introduction

To meet user expectations, Afnic is going to change the registrant change procedure, to make it simpler and more compliant with market standards.

As of **December 12, 2016**, the *registrant change procedure* will operate as follows:

- The holder change operation will be carried out via an *Update Domain* transaction;
- The Registrar will be responsible for obtaining the agreement of the outgoing and incoming registrants to carry out the transaction;
- The transaction will not be charged;
- The transaction will not change the domain name's expiry date.

This document describes the new commands in our different interfaces, as well as Afnic exceptions and recommendations.

Several references will be amended and new versions will be available on our website and Extranet:

- The Naming policy
- The registration contract
- The invoicing schedule
- The Procedure Guide
- The technical integration guide

## 2. Deployment schedule

**14 November 2016:** Sandboxing

**12 December 2016:** Go-live

Our teams are available to assist you in making the deployment of this new feature as easy as possible. Please contact your personal customer relationship officer.

### 3. Changes in the EPP interface

The change in ownership of a domain name will be done via the **domain:update** command by providing the **domain:registrant** information. This modification may be performed at the same time as other modifications, such as the change in name servers, the change of other types of contacts or the auth-info change.

Example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0">
<command>
<update>
<domain:update
xmlns:domain="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:domain-1.0">
<domain:name>changement-titulaire.fr</domain:name>
<domain:chg>
<domain:registrant>CHEC101</domain:registrant>
</domain:chg>
</domain:update>
</update>
<clTRID>f817fd826faf90466ffd1ec6f477ce47f581696b</clTRID>
</command>
</epp>
```

### 4. Change in the Extranet interface

#### 4.1. Deletion of the Trade transaction

The *Trade* transaction and all its references or links will be deleted from the .fr Extranet in the "Domain name information" page.

Page d'accueil > Opérations > Domaines > Informations

## Gérer test-nch.fr

[Changer de domaine](#)

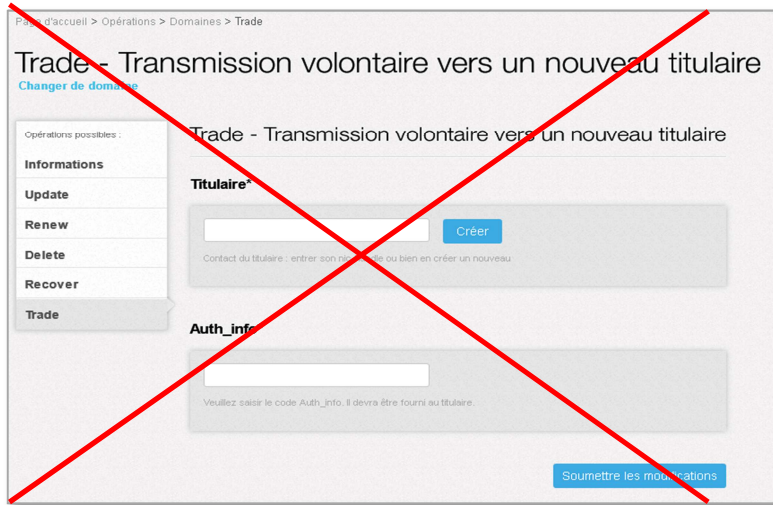
Opérations possibles :

- Informations
- Update
- Renew
- Delete
- ~~Trade~~

### Informations du nom de domaine

État	Hosts autoritaires	DNSsec
<span style="color: green;">●</span> OK	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Non	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Non
	<a href="#">Voir plus</a>	<a href="#">Voir plus</a>

The Trade page will become inaccessible.



## 4.2. Change in the *Update Domain* form

The change in ownership of a domain name is carried out via the domain name update form available in the Update section. The field used to indicate the holder will be added to the form.

## 5. Go-Live procedure

### 5.1. Via EPP

After the go-live of the new registrant change procedure, the *Trade* command will be disabled. As of 12 December 2016, sending a *Trade* command (request / cancel) will receive an error 2101 (unimplemented command) in response from the EPP server.

#### 5.1.1. The special case of *Trade* transactions ongoing at the time of go-live

*Trade* transactions launched before 12 December 2016, and still in progress after go-live, can no longer be cancelled because the command will have disappeared.

The holder retains the right to oppose and cancel them. *Trade* transactions not validated within 15 days will be cancelled by default.

#### 5.1.2. The frnic extension

The frnic extension will not be updated, version 1.4 is the last version you will need to declare and use for your commands.

##### Shutdown of frnic-1.3

As announced during the implementation of frnic-1.4, the 1.3-frnic extension will disappear from the configuration of the EPP server. It will therefore no longer be possible to use it and will be refused if you declare it in your login command. Frnic-1.4 becomes the only usable and mandatory frnic extension. Please do not forget to update it.

## 5.2. Via the Extranet

After the go-live of the new registrant change procedure, the *Trade* transaction form will no longer be available (cf. §4 above).

# 6. Exceptions and special cases

## 6.1. Domain names that require authorization codes

The registrant change procedure for domain names that require authorization codes is not changed. These domain names are subject to a *Recover transaction* using the Afnic Operation Request form (DOA).

These domain names are:

- Names subject to prior review (Article 2.4 of the Naming Policy);
- Names registered under the .gouv.fr TLD (article 2.5 of the Naming Policy);
- Names registered under a naming zone (art. 2.7 of the Naming Policy).

## 6.2. Domain name "status" preventing holder updates

### 6.2.1. Suspension

No registrant change procedure is allowed on domain names subject to suspension (art. 6.2 of the Naming Policy).

### 6.2.2. Blocking

No registrant change procedure is allowed on domain names subject to blocking (art. 6.3 of the Naming Policy).

## 6.3. The case of domain names locked by FR Lock

Updating the holder of a domain name subject to a FR Lock (registry lock) procedure is impossible. The change in ownership requires the unlocking procedure as described in the User Guide for the service.

# 7. Collecting the parties' agreement by the registrar

## 7.1. Responsibility of Registrars

Should the incoming and outgoing holders agree to a transaction, the registrar will now be responsible for obtaining the agreement from both parties.

Afnic will not replace the registrar in obtaining the agreement of the parties. The Afnic Operation Request (DOA) form will be exclusively reserved for Recover transactions.

NB: In the event of receivership or other insolvency proceedings, the registrar must obtain the agreement of the designated receiver.

## 7.2. Procedure for obtaining the agreement of the parties

The Registrar carrying the holder update transaction must ensure it has obtained the agreement of both parties: that of the incoming holder and that of the outgoing holder.

The Registrar must use an authentication mechanism to confirm that both parties have expressly consented to the holder update transaction and keep proof of the date and time on which their consent was obtained.

For example, through the issuance of approval e-mails to both holders (incoming and outgoing) or by setting up an approval system by SMS with single-use code.

After obtaining the consent of the parties, the Registrar proceeds with the holder update transaction in a reasonable period not exceeding 7 days.

Once the update is complete, the registrar notifies both parties of the completion of the transaction. This notification should include the list of domain names involved and the contact details of a contact within the registrar who can answer any questions from the parties concerned.

Afnic may carry out spot checks on request or on its own initiative pursuant to Article 15 of the Registration Contract.

## 7.3. Chronology of operations

Registrant change transactions are often accompanied by Registrar change transactions.

In this case, Afnic recommends proceeding with the Registrar change / *Transfer* transaction before the Registrant update transaction.

## 7.4. Auth-info

When a domain name is subject to a registrant change / *Update Domain*, the registrar must update the Auth-info and give it to the new registrant.