

# POLICY PROPOSAL 2008-7

WHOIS Integrity  
Policy Proposal



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## History

Designated Formal Proposal	<b>26 AUG 08</b>
Public Policy Meeting	<b>Nassau</b>
Current Version	<b>26 AUG 08</b>

### Proposal Text:

- Discussion Guide
- [http://www.arin.net/policy/2008\\_7.html](http://www.arin.net/policy/2008_7.html)

RIR Activity	Similar Proposals	
	AfriNIC	NA
	APNIC	Adopted
	LACNIC	NA
	RIPE NCC	NA

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## Summary

- A resource must be covered by an RSA before it can be updated.

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AC Shepherds

- Paul Andersen
- Bill Darte

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## Staff Assessment

<p><b>Legal: Liability Risk?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Clearly protecting or enhancing the accuracy of Whois data is an appropriate goal of standard setting, and if that creates collateral requirements, they are likely to be upheld by any reviewing legal authority.</li></ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p><b>Staff Comments: Issues/Concerns?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Could cause serious delay in completion of update (DNS)</li><li>– May cause additional data to become stale</li></ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p><b>Staff Implementation: Resource Impact?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Registration software</li><li>– May require additional staff</li></ul>	<p><b>Major</b> <b>(180 days)</b></p>

Assessment available at:

<http://lists.arin.net/pipermail/arin-ppml/2008-October/012235.html>

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## PPML Discussion

- 4 for, 8 against
- Comments

Posts	People
<b>97</b>	<b>32</b>

- Is the purpose of this proposal to: a) prevent hijacking of address blocks or b) to pressure all address block holders to sign an RSA?
- As a person who has been involved in unwinding unauthorized changes to the whois database on innocent parties' number resources (both address blocks and ASNs)... I support this proposal.
- I'm afraid that I must conclude this proposal is either fundamentally flawed at best, or a strong-arm sales tactic at worst.
- It may also be possible to create a bare-bones option to pay the \$100 fee for record maintenance for a certain list of resources without affecting the legal status of those resources and without binding the resources to the contract.

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