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All domain holders are personally responsible for making sure that their domains do not infringe the rights of anyone else. For this reason, anyone who feels that their rights have been infringed by a domain must contact the holder of that domain and not DENIC. DENIC can, however, assist the claimant by placing a DISPUTE-entry on the domain.

Before DENIC will do that, however, the claimant must show in a credible manner that it is possible that he/she might have a right to the domain and the claimant must also instigate measures to enforce his/her rights vis-à-vis the domain holder. A domain that bears a DISPUTE-entry can still be used by its holder, but cannot be transferred to anyone else. Any holder of a DISPUTE-entry automatically becomes the domain holder as soon as the domain is released.

A form is available for **establishing a DISPUTE-entry** , and you can download it as a PDF-file. The application must be signed and the original must be sent to DENIC. Once DENIC has set up the DISPUTE-entry, you will be informed of it.

The DISPUTE-entry is valid for an initial period of one year. DENIC will, however, extend it, provided the DISPUTE holder submits another original application form, accompanied by documentation showing that the disagreement with the domain holder has still not been resolved.

If the disagreement between the DISPUTE-entry holder and the domain holder is resolved, then the DISPUTE-entry holder has a duty to inform DENIC immediately, so that the **DISPUTE-entry can be removed** .

You will find further information about DISPUTE-entries in our FAQ section. There you will find our collection of the most frequently asked **questions and the answers** to them.