Validation Process

Introduction

Both .CFD and .Spreadbetting are restricted TLDs which are each subject to a TLD Eligibility Policy, the objective of which is to help increase the likelihood that the TLDs will function as trusted eco-systems for legitimate CFD and spread betting actors. The Eligibility Policy sets forth the conditions under which an applicant for registration in the TLDs is permitted to register a domain name(s), and the criteria against which the Validation Agent will verify domain name applications.

Validation Process

Boston Ivy has engaged a third party, <u>Valideus</u>, to carry out the validation process. Validation will happen during the 30 day pending create phase, and the Registrar's process flow is not impacted, i.e, no additional steps are needed at the Registrar level as part of the validation process. The domain name applicant (Registrant) will be contacted directly by Valideus, having received domain application information from the Registry, and will be asked to log on to a portal to supply additional information to determine eligibility for the domain name (in accordance with the relevant TLD Eligibility Policy).

It is crucial that a domain name applicant takes prompt action in order to pass through the validation process and secure the domain name within the available timeframe (30 calendar days). It is important to note that while Valideus will make all efforts to follow up with an applicant, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure completion of the process. If a Registrar would like to be copied on communications from Valideus to the domain name applicant (Registrant), please contact the Registry (spreadbetting@bostonivy.co or cfd@bostonivy.co, as relevant) to supply an email address.

- **The applicant will initially be given 10 calendar days** from the time of the first email from Valideus, to create an account or log in to his/her existing account in Valideus' system and provide the requested further information.
- Failure to act within this period will trigger a second email to the applicant from Valideus, providing an additional 7 calendar days to take action.
- If incomplete data is submitted, an applicant will receive an alert email and a period of 7 calendar days to correct any submission.
- Finally, an applicant will receive **an email at the end of the validation process which defines the result as a** *pass* **or** *fail*, noting that in the event of a *pass*, the next communication/action will be from the Registrar.

Please contact the Registry for any further questions about the validation process: validation@bostonivy.co