

Arbitration Case #21

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Summary

The case concerns a dispute between Dom Tehniki Ltd ('Member') and the RIPE NCC due to the RIPE NCC's decision to revert a transfer of Internet number resources to their previous holder - leading to their deregistration.

Details of the Case

In 2019, the RIPE NCC discovered that the holder of the resources was dissolved since 2014 and therefore the LIR should be closed and the resources deregistered. The Member explained that the operating responsibility of the LIR and its resources had been transferred to them prior to the dissolution of the former holder. They provided supporting documentation to demonstrate they were the legal successor of the previous holder that was an identically named organisation and the legitimate holder of their resources.

The RIPE NCC evaluated the provided documentation and processed the update in the registration data after entering into a RIPE NCC Standard Service Agreement (SSA) with the Member, which was then reflected as the legitimate holder of the relevant resources.

As part of additional due diligence checks on the provided documentation the RIPE NCC decided to perform at a later stage, they contacted the national authority that had allegedly authenticated the documents. This authority confirmed that they did not recognise the authentication on these documents nor did they hold any records of this.

Based on the above, the RIPE NCC decided to revert the transfer to the former holder and proceed with the closure and deregistration as originally planned.

The Member disputed this decision of the RIPE NCC and requested the initiation of the RIPE NCC Conflict Arbitration Procedure with the aim to overturn this decision.

Arbitration Ruling

After evaluating the information provided by both parties, the arbiter ruled in favour of the RIPE NCC as they did not find any failure on the RIPE NCC's part to follow the RIPE Policies or the relevant RIPE NCC procedures (i.e. ['Closure of Members, Deregistration of Internet Number Resources and Legacy Internet Resources'](#)).