

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICE

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**Decision of Independent Expert
(Summary Decision)**

Wickes Building Supplies Limited

and

Unknown

1. The Parties:

Complainant: Wickes Building Supplies Limited
c/o Stobbs (IP) Ltd
Building 1000, Cambridge Research Park
Cambridge
CB25 9PD
United Kingdom

Respondent: Unknown

2. The Domain Name:

wickes-export.co.uk

3. Notification of Complaint

I hereby certify that I am satisfied that Nominet has sent the complaint to the Respondent in accordance with section 3 and 6 of the Policy.

Yes

4. Rights

The Complainant has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown rights in respect of a name or mark which is identical or similar to the domain name.

Yes

5. Abusive Registration

The Complainant has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown that the domain name wickes-export.co.uk is an abusive registration

Yes

6. Other Factors

I am satisfied that no other factors apply which would make a summary decision unconscionable in all the circumstances

Yes

7. Comments (optional)

The Domain Name was registered by the undisclosed Respondent on 1 December 2023 and is significantly predated by the Complainant's UK trademark registration no. 00001221188 "WICKES" registered on 21 June 1984. The addition of the generic word "export" does not impart any distinctiveness or distinguish the Domain from the Complainant's registered "Wickes" mark. The Domain Name has not been used in connection with any active website since the date of its registration but is instead being used to target unsuspecting internet users in fraudulent "phishing" activities and attempts to impersonate the Complainant. That this is an Abusive Registration is apparent as the above activity is abusive under Policy Paragraph 5.1.1.2, and that the Respondent has registered the Domain as a blocking registration against a name in which the Complainant has rights. The Respondent has failed to submit a response or seek to refute the Complainant's claims, which are accepted as true.

8. Decision

I grant the Complainant's application for a summary decision. In accordance with section 12 of the Policy, the domain name will therefore be transferred to the Complainant.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'V. K. S.', is written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Dated: 16 April 2024