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# Simplified M&A transfer policy

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Draft Policy 2010-6

# 2010-6 - History

Origin (Proposal 105)	<b>22 December 2009</b>
Draft Policy	<b>23 February 2010</b>

## **AC Shepherds:**

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# 2010-6 – Summary

## (Simplified M&A transfer policy)

1. States clearly that ARIN will consider transfer requests that have proper documentation either at the time of merger or acquisition or anytime thereafter
2. Clarifies that unused space is to be returned to ARIN

# 2010-6 – Status at other RIRs (Simplified M&A transfer policy)

- **Draft policy is unique to ARIN**
- **Current policy:**  
Other RIRs have merger and acquisition policies

# 2010-6 – Staff Assessment

<b>Legal: Liability Risk?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Staff Comments: Issues/Concerns?</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Clarifies that 8.3 transfers (those to specified recipients) are independent of 8.2 transfers. Clearly states that ARIN will consider transfers after the actual M&amp;A has occurred as long as the proper documentation is supplied.</li><li>2. Experience with M&amp;A transfers shows that when we ask for detailed utilization information and/or ask for unused or under-utilized address space back, many organizations simply abandon their transfers.</li></ol>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Implementation: Resource Impact?</b> Many transfer requests have unused or underutilized space. Audits and follow up activity are labor intensive, could require additional staff.	<b>Moderate</b>

## Assessment available:

- Discussion Guide
- <http://lists.arin.net/pipermail/arin-ppml/2010-February/016709.html>

# 2010-6 – PPML Discussion

- **Earlier proposal discussion**
- **15 posts by 6 People**
- **3 in favor, 1 against**
- “This is a positive move which will ensure that ARIN's policy does not put a barrier in the way of M&A activity.”
- “Do we want organizations to voluntarily initiate 8.2? Renumbering a legacy network where everything works just fine as it is adds to acquisition costs.”
- “I think that we need to talk about the number resources of the resultant combined organization rather than of the acquired/merged organization...”



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