



National lineage information EuroGeographics country dataset for EuroBoundaryMap 2020

GB - United Kingdom

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1 General Information

1.1 Naming convention and transliteration rules

Ordnance Survey only shows the English spelling representation taken from the Statutory Instrument text. So the U/A's of Wales have the Welsh spelling as well as English. Those will be present in the Boundary data we supply.

We do not show Gaelic spelling unless that is the only spelling given in the SI for Scottish boundaries. For example we have Na h-Eileanan an Lar without an English equivalent.

Gaelic; Scottish Gaelic

national	À, à	è	Ì, ì	Ò, ò	ù
ASCII	A, a	e	I, i	O, o	u

Welsh

national	â	ê	ô	ŵ	ŷ
ASCII	a	e	o	w	y

1.2 Production processing

ERM BND is mostly derived from EBM, specific changes have occurred to adapt the boundaries and coastlines to the topographical features of ERM.

2 Release Information

2.1 Deviation from specification

A new coding system has been introduced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The new codes are not compliant with the EBM requirements for unique identifiers of European administrative units. The ONS codes identify administrative units only within each administrative level – they don't reference the upper administrative levels.

Despite this shortcoming, it has been decided to use the new ONS codes for the SHN code in EBM:
SHN = "GB" + ONS code

The definition of the new SHN codes for Great Britain is not compliant with the definition of attribute SHN given in the EBM specification.

Some small areas (< 4 ha) are included because they are main areas.

2.2 Update remarks

No update remarks.

2.3 Reference date

	Reference date	Remark
Geometry	31.12.2018	
Population figures	31.12.2018	

2.4 National administrative hierarchy

Level of administration	Unique structure identifier	Designation of the hierarchy level given in national characters	Designation of the hierarchy level transliterated in ASCII characters	English translation or equivalent of the designation	Significant digits of the SHN code	Number of objects
USE	ISN	DESN	DESA			
1st order (country)	1201	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	11	1
2nd order	1204	Country	Country	Great Britain	11	3
3rd order	1206	Metropolitan District	Metropolitan District	Metropolitan District	11	36
	1207	County	County	County	11	27
	1208	Unitary Authority	Unitary Authority	Unitary Authority	11	56
	1209	Council Area	Council Area	Council Area	11	32
	1210	Unitary Authority	Unitary Authority	Unitary Authority	11	22
	1215	London Borough	London Borough	London Borough	11	33
4th order	1211	Non-metropolitan District	Non-metropolitan District	District	11	201
5th order	1213	Unitary Authority	Unitary Authority	Electoral Division	11	852
	1214	Electoral Ward/Division	Electoral Ward/Division	Electoral Ward/Division	11	7446
	1217	Electoral Ward	Electoral Ward	Electoral Ward	11	354
SHN Example	USE1	USE2	USE3	USE4	USE5	
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