

TRANSLITERATION OF ICELANDIC
BGN/PCGN 1947 System

The BGN and the PCGN in 1947 jointly agreed to the transliteration of two letters of the Icelandic alphabet which, although used in writing Old English, have disappeared from the modern English alphabet.

The transliterated letters are the edh (Ð ð) and the thorn (Þ þ), pronounced as th in "thus" and th in "think," respectively.

It was felt that it was better to transliterate these letters into familiar symbols than to preserve such unfamiliar letters in the nomenclature.

It was agreed to transliterate the two letters, as follows:

<u>Icelandic</u>	<u>Name of letter</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
Ð, ð*	edh	dh
Þ, þ	thorn	th

*Edh never occurs as the initial letter of a word.