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**Taxonomy release notes**

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This document provides release notes for an update to our Legal Places taxonomy facet.

**About Legal Places**

Please see our [31 March 2022 release notes](https://github.com/noslegal/taxonomy/blob/main/release%20notes/2022.03.31-noslegal-release-notes-taxonomy.md) for a summary of Legal Places.

**Summary of release**

* This release is a minor one. It reflects various changes and corrections since the last update.
* Highlights include:
  + Addition of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, bringing the total number of treaties covered up to 55.
  + Updates to legal systems to be consistent with the verification sources used.
  + Administrative changes of subdivisions in various countries.
  + Updates to reflect new members of various international conventions.
  + Updating of stale or broken links across facets.

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### Places Core - Countries and Areas

### Changed the "ISO English short name if different from noslegal name" of Venezuela from "Venezuela (Bolivian Republic of)" to "Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)".

Updates based on the following source:

<https://www.iso.org/obp/ui>

### Places XP1.1-Non-Eng names

* Added the "UN Chinese short name" of Hong Kong as "中国香港特别行政区".
* Changed the "UN Chinese short name" of Netherlands from "荷兰' to '荷兰王国".
* Added the "UN Russian short name" of Hong Kong as "Китай, Специальный административный район Гонконг".
* Changed the "UN Russian short name" of Netherlands from "Нидерланды" to "Нидерланды (Королевство)".
* Added the "UN French short name" of Hong Kong as "Chine, région administrative spéciale de Hong Kong".
* Changed the "UN French short name" of Netherlands from "Pays-Bas" to "Pays-Bas (Royaume des)".
* Added the "UN Spanish short name" of Hong Kong as "China, región administrativa especial de Hong Kong".
* Changed the "UN Spanish short name" of Netherlands from "Países Bajos" to "Países Bajos (Reino de los)".
* Added the "UN Arabic short name" of Hong Kong as "الصين، منطقة هونغ كونغ الإدارية الخاصة".
* Changed the "UN Arabic short name" of Netherlands from "هولندا" to "هولندا (مملكة \_)".

Updates based on the following source:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/overview/>

### Places XP3.1 - Legal Systems

* Added the "Customary" Legal Type to Burundi and the "Hybrid" designation to its legal system.
* Updated the verification link for Brunei to a CIA World Factbook reference, as the previous link expired.
* Added the "Customary" Legal Type to Gabon and the "Hybrid" designation to its legal system.
* Added the "Customary" Legal Type to Ghana and the "Hybrid" designation to its legal system.
* Added the "Customary" Legal Type to Guadeloupe and the "Hybrid" designation to its legal system.
* Added the "CIA World Factbook" Verification link to Japan.
* Added the "CIA World Factbook" Verification link to French Polynesia.
* Changed the "Hybrid legal type" of South Sudan from "Civil" to "Common" and updated the Verification link to South Sudan's Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.
* Added the "Hybrid" and "Civil" legal types to Turks and Caicos and updated the verification link to a CIA World Factbook reference.
* Added the "Hybrid" and "Customary" legal types to Uganda.
* Changed the Legal type of Saint Vincent from "Civil" to "Common".
* Updated the Verification link of Vietnam to the NY University GlobaLex site, as the previous link expired.

Updates based on the following sources:

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/>

<https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/>

### Places XP4.1 - Subdivisions

* Added the "Papua Barat Daya" Province to Indonesia.
* Changed the ISO code of Odisha (India) from "IN-OR" to "IN-OD".
* Changed the ISO code of Chhattīsgarh (India) from "IN-CT" to "IN-CG".
* Changed the ISO code of Telangana (India) from "IN-TG" to "IN-TS".
* Changed the ISO code of Uttarakhand (India) from "IN-UT" to "IN-UK".
* Changed the Subdivision type of Gangwon (Korea (Republic)) from "Province" to "Special Self-Governing Province".
* Added the "Zeta" municipality to Montenegro.
* Changed the noslegal succinct English name of Pradesh 1 (Nepal) to "Koshi".
* Removed the Maguindanao province from Philippines.
* Added the Maguindanao del Norte province to Philipines.
* Added the Maguindanao del Sur province to Philipines.
* Changed the noslegal succinct English name of Kuyavia-Pomerania (Poland) to Kujawsko-Pomorskie.
* Changed the noslegal succinct English name of Warmia-Masuria (Poland) to Warmińsko-Mazurskie.

Updates based on the following source:

<https://www.iso.org/obp/ui>

### Places XP6.1 - Memberships

* Added 27 member countries to the 2019 Hague Judgments Convention, with a starting date of 2023-09-01.
* Added Ukraine to the 2005 Hague Choice of Court Convention.
* Added Ecuador, Azerbaijan, Canada and Botswana to the 2007 Hague Child Support Convention.
* Removed Ukraine from the Commonwealth of Independent States.
* Added Somalia to the East African Community (EAC).
* Added Canada and China to the 1961 Hague Apostille Convention.
* Added Paraguay, Singapore and Azerbaijan to the 1965 Hague Service Convention.
* Added Paraguay and El Salvador to the 1970 Hague Evidence Convention.
* Removed Hong Kong and Macao from the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention.
* Added Cabo Verde to the 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention.
* Added the 124 member countries of the Rome Statute.

Updates based on the sources listed in Places XP6.2 - Treaties.

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* Updated the Link for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, as the previous one expired.
* Updated the Link for the Central American Integration System, as the previous one expired.
* Updated the Link for the United States - Mexico - Canada Agreement, as the previous one expired.
* Added the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to the list of treaties.