

GEOPOLITICAL ENTITIES AND CODES (GEC)
(FORMERLY FIPS PUB 10-4)
Update 15

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Note: Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 10-4 (FIPS PUB 10-4) was withdrawn by the Department of Commerce on September 2, 2008. The coding system based on FIPS 10-4 is being maintained by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) during the transition to the Geopolitical Entities, Names, and Codes (GENC) country code standard. In April 2010 a Geopolitical Entities and Codes (GEC) (Formerly FIPS PUB 10-4) recompilation was published on the GEOnet Names Server (<http://earth-info.nga.mil/gns/html/index.html>). The present document is the fifteenth GEC update of information deriving from results of quarterly US BGN Foreign Names Committee (FNC) meetings. Where applicable, the specific FNC meeting at which a name change was approved is noted parenthetically following each country name.

Special notes:

- 1. Prior to Update 12 the entire content of the GEC (as updated) was usually published in association with each update. However, this practice was introducing unintentional errors into the GEC documentation. Due to this fact and the availability of the GEC Registry at the [NSG Standards Registry](#), the associated entire GEC content will no longer be published in association with the updates.*
- 2. Administrative division class terms and their English translations have not been consistently included in the update documents, in part because the information was provided in the associated GEC content. Because the entire GEC content is no longer being provided, extra care will be given to providing administrative division class information.*
- 3. Please read all footnotes associated with the entries. Many of the changes listed are being provided in order to correct past errors and allow for a consistent tracking of changes throughout the history of FIPS 10-4 and GEC.*

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ALGERIA (FNC 378)

Change:

AG53 Tamanghasset

to AG53 Tamanrasset

BOTSWANA (FNC 378)

Add:

city

BC13 Francistown

BC14 Gaborone

district

BC12 Chobe

town

BC15 Jwaneng

BC16 Lobatse

BC17 Selibe Phikwe

BC18 Sowa Town

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (approved by e-mail vote 24 March 2014)

Delete all entries and replace with:

región (region)

DR38 Cibao Nordeste

DR39 Cibao Noroeste

DR40 Cibao Norte

DR41 Cibao Sur

DR42 El Valle

DR43 Enriquillo

DR44 Higuamo

DR45 Ozama

DR46 Valdesia

DR47 Yuma

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HUNGARY

Change:

HU41 Salgótarján¹ to HU41 Salgótarján

KIRIBATI (FNC 378)

Delete all principal administrative divisions:

KR01 Gilbert Islands

KR02 Line Islands

KR03 Phoenix Islands

KOSOVO

Change:

KV32 Hani i Elezit [Albanian] /
Đeneral Janković [Serbian]² to KV32 Hani i Elezit [Albanian] /
Đeneral Janković [Serbian]

SAINT LUCIA (FNC 378)

Change:

quarter

ST01 Anse-la-Raye

ST03 Castries

ST04 Choiseul

ST05 Dennery

ST06 Gros-Islet

ST07 Laborie

ST08 Micoud

ST09 Soufrière

ST10 Vieux-Fort

to district

to ST01 Anse-la-Raye

to ST03 Castries

to ST04 Choiseul

to ST05 Dennery

to ST06 Gros-Islet

to ST07 Laborie

to ST08 Micoud

to ST09 Soufrière

to ST10 Vieux-Fort

Delete:

ST02 Dauphin

ST11 Praslin

Add:

district

ST12 Canaries

SAUDI ARABIA (FNC 378)³

Change:

SA05 Al Madīnah to SA05 Al Madīnah al Munawwarah

SA17 Jīzān to SA17 Jāzān

SA14 Makkah to SA14 Makkah al Mukarramah

¹ **HUNGARY:** A Unicode encoding error was introduced in the GEC Recompile in the name for HU41. Although the difference is not evident in the Times New Roman font, (U+00F3) should be used for the ‘ó’ instead of (U+03CC)

² **KOSOVO:** A Unicode encoding error was introduced in GEC Update 8 in the name for KV32. Although the difference is not evident in the Times New Roman font, (U+0110) should be used for the ‘Đ’ instead of (U+00D0)

³ **SAUDI ARABIA:** The spelling change for SA17 was approved by e-mail vote on 24 March 2014

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SWITZERLAND (FNC 378)

Change:

*canton [French] / kanton [German] /
cantone [Italian] (canton)*

to *canton [French] / kanton [German] /
cantone [Italian] / chantun [Romansh]
(canton)*⁴

SZ01	Aargau	to	SZ01	Aargau [German]
SZ02	Appenzell Ausserrhoden	to	SZ02	Appenzell Ausserrhoden [German]
SZ10	Appenzell Innerrhoden	to	SZ10	Appenzell Innerrhoden [German]
SZ03	Basel-Landschaft	to	SZ03	Basel-Landschaft [German]
SZ04	Basel-Stadt	to	SZ04	Basel-Stadt [German]
SZ05	Bern	to	SZ05	Berne [French] / Bern [German]
SZ06	Fribourg	to	SZ06	Fribourg [French] / Freiburg [German]
SZ07	Genève	to	SZ07	Genève [French]
SZ08	Glarus	to	SZ08	Glarus [German]
SZ09	Graubünden	to	SZ09	Graubünden [German] / Grigioni [Italian] / Grischun [Romansh]
SZ26	Jura	to	SZ26	Jura [French]
SZ11	Luzern	to	SZ11	Luzern [German]
SZ12	Neuchâtel	to	SZ12	Neuchâtel [French]
SZ13	Nidwalden	to	SZ13	Nidwalden [German]
SZ14	Obwalden [German]	to	SZ14	Obwalden [German]
SZ15	Sankt Gallen	to	SZ15	Sankt Gallen [German]
SZ16	Schaffhausen	to	SZ16	Schaffhausen [German]
SZ17	Schwyz	to	SZ17	Schwyz [German]
SZ18	Solothurn	to	SZ18	Solothurn [German]
SZ19	Thurgau	to	SZ19	Thurgau [German]
SZ20	Ticino	to	SZ20	Ticino [Italian]
SZ21	Uri	to	SZ21	Uri [German]
SZ22	Valais	to	SZ22	Valais [French] / Wallis [German]
SZ23	Vaud	to	SZ23	Vaud [French]
SZ24	Zug	to	SZ24	Zug [German]
SZ25	Zürich	to	SZ25	Zürich [German]

UGANDA (FNC 378)

Change:

UGC5	Bulisa	to	UGC5	Buliisa
UG41	Kibale	to	UG41	Kibaale
UGG6	Mitoma	to	UGG6	Mitooma

⁴ **SWITZERLAND:** The addition of the term 'chantun [Romansh]' applies to all Swiss principal administrative divisions

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VENEZUELA (FNC 378)

Change:

territorio federal (federal territory)

VE09 Delta Amacuro

to

estado (state)

to

VE09 Delta Amacuro

VIETNAM⁵

Change:

VM88 Đắk Lắk

to

VM88 Đắk Lắk

⁵ **VIETNAM:** This correction was made in FIPS 10-4 Change Notice 12 but not reflected in the April 2010 GEC Recompile. This name also included a Unicode encoding error. Although the difference is not evident in the Times New Roman font, (U+0110) should be used for the ‘Đ’ instead of (U+00D0)