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**RE: Change of official name**

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**The ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency has agreed on the following change(s) to ISO 3166-1:1997 "Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions - Part 1: Country codes":**

Page	Column	Title of column	Present entry	New entry
18	1	Country name (3) (Short name)	SAMOA	SAMOA (5)
18	1	Country name (3) (Official name)	Independent State of Western Samoa	Independent State of Samoa
18	2	Alpha-2 code (4)	WS	WS (5)
18	3	Alpha-3 code (4)	WSM	WSM (5)
18	4	Numeric code (4)	882	882 (5)

18	5	Remarks	# Principal islands: Savai'i, Upolu	# Principal islands: Savai'i, Upolu (5)
39	2	Index of alpha-2 code	WS; Samoa	WS; Samoa (5)
44	2	Index of alpha-3 code	WSM; Samoa	WSM; Samoa (5)
49	2	Index of numeric code	882; Samoa	882; Samoa (5)
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54	-	Annex B	W - - S; 882;Samoa	W - - S ; 882; Samoa (5)
<b>Description of change:</b> Replace the old official name "Independent State of Western Samoa "with the new official name "Independent State of Samoa" (p 18).				

**Notes:**

- (1) In accordance with the current edition of the Terminology Bulletin "Country Names" issued by the United Nations Secretariat
- (2) In accordance with the current edition of the "Country Nomenclature for Statistical Use" issued by the United Nations Statistics Division
- (3) In accordance with the current edition of the "Standard Country or Area Codes for Statistical Use" issued by the United Nations Statistics Division
- (4) In the case of a withdrawal of ISO 3166-1 code elements these formerly allocated code elements are reserved in accordance with the principles for the maintenance of the codes. During a transitory period of at least five years after the withdrawal the code elements will not be reassigned to different country names.
- (5) Unchanged.