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RE: Name changes

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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	Alpha-2 Code	Title of column	Present entry	New entry
10	AF	Country name (short name)	AFGHANISTAN	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	Islamic State of Afghanistan	---
10	AZ	Country name (short name)	AZERBAIJAN	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	Azerbaijani Republic	Republic of Azerbaijan

		name)		
11	BH	Country name (short name)	BAHRAIN	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	State of Bahrain	Kingdom of Bahrain
11	BA	Country name (short name)	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina	- - -
13	FJ	Country name (short name)	FIJI	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	Republic of Fiji	Republic of the Fiji Islands
14	HK	Country name (short name)	HONG KONG	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	- - -	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China
15	KZ	Country name (short name)	KAZAKSTAN	KAZAKHSTAN
		Country name	Republic of Kazakstan	Republic of Kazakhstan

		(official name)		
15	KI	Country name (short name)	KIRIBATI	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	- - -	Republic of Kiribati
16	MO	Country name (short name)	MACAU	MACAO
		Country name (official name)	- - -	Macao Special Administrative Region of China
17	NU	Country name (short name)	NIUE	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	- - -	Republic of Niue
19	SO	Country name (short name)	SOMALIA	((unchanged))
		Country name (official name)	Somali Democratic Republic	Somali Republic
20	VE	Country name (short name)	VENEZUELA	((unchanged))
		Country	Republic of	Bolivarian Republic of

		name (official name)	Venezuela	Venezuela
<p>Description of changes: Some adjustments to the above country names have been made in the United Nations documents mentioned in (1) and (3), which serve as input sources to ISO 3166-1, in the recent past. The ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency publishes all these name changes in one Newsletter. The changes all become effective in ISO 3166-1, simultaneously.</p> <p>Important Note: None of the code elements for the country names is changed and consequently this Newsletter only states information on country names, not on code elements. The changes in the English version are not necessarily the same as in the French version and vice versa.</p>				

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.