DIN EN ISO 3166-1:2020-12 (E)

Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions - Part 1: Country code (ISO 3166-1:2020); English version EN ISO 3166-1:2020

Contents

Page

Foreword ... **v**

Introduction ... **vi**

1 Scope ... **1**

2 Normative references ... **1**

3 Terms and definitions ... **1**

4 Principles for inclusion in the list of country names ... **4**
4.1 List ... 4
4.2 Source of names ... 4
4.3 Overlaps ... 5
4.4 Current status of names ... 5
4.5 Independent countries ... 5

5 Principles for assigning code elements ... **5**
5.1 Code element formation ... 5
5.2 Relationship with names ... 5
5.3 Construction of the alpha-2 code ... 5
5.4 Construction of the alpha-3 code ... 6
5.5 Construction of the num-3 code ... 6
5.6 Alternate algorithmic construction of the numeric code num-4 ... 6

6 List of country names and their code elements ... **6**
6.1 Specification for use ... 6
6.2 Content of the list ... 7
6.3 Choice of language, romanization, character set ... 7

7 Maintenance ... **8**
7.1 Maintenance Agency (ISO 3166/MA) ... 8
7.2 Standard as a database — Change of paradigm ... 8
7.3 Addition to the list of country names ... 8
7.4 Deletion from the list of country names ... 9
7.5 Alterations to country name or code element ... 9
7.6 Reservation of country code elements ... 9
7.6.1 Overview ... 9
7.6.2 Period of non-assignment ... 9
7.6.3 Period of non-use ... 9
7.6.4 Exceptionally reserved code elements ... 9
7.6.5 List of reserved code elements ... 10

8 Guidelines for users ... **10**
8.1 Special provisions ... 10
8.2 Aggregations ... 10
8.3 User assigned code element ... 10
8.4 Advice regarding use of country code elements ... 10

Annex A (informative) **Algorithm for numerical representation, num-4, of ISO 3166 alpha-2 country code elements** ... **11**

Annex B (informative) **Conversion matrix for the numerical representation of ISO 3166 alpha-2 country code elements** ... **12**

Annex C (informative) **Conversion table from alpha-2 country codes elements of ISO 3166 standard to num-3 code element of the UNSD** **14**

Annex D (informative) **List of ISO 639 language codes, alpha-2 and alpha-3, used in the ISO 3166 standard of country codes** **16**

Annex E (normative) **Alphabetical index of names from the list of country codes appearing in the remarks, corresponding to "territory names", or forming the second significant part of composite country names** **20**

Annex F (informative) **Principles for minor modification to the short form of country name received from UNTERM, allowing for display in alphabetic order** **25**

Annex G (informative) **Source of names — Procedures concerning official full country names at UNTERM, confirmed by UNTERM to ISO 3166/MA on 2019-03-07** **27**

Annex H (normative) **OBP Labels** **28**

Bibliography **30**