## ISO 3166-1:2020 (E)

# Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country code

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