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PURPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN

Changes in the political geography of various parts of the world necessitate a publication that provides the latest information on the names of countries, administrative divisions and other significant geographic features. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) publishes the *Foreign Names Information Bulletin* to fill this need. The US BGN Foreign Names Committee Staff at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency prepares and issues the Bulletin on a quarterly basis.

This fifteenth bulletin provides former names and new names of major features approved by the US BGN since the issuance of the fourteenth bulletin in August 1997. To obtain previous issues of the *Foreign Names Information Bulletin*, please call one of the following numbers:

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INTERPRETATION OF ENTRIES

- Names from languages which are not written in Roman script are spelled in accordance with BGN-approved romanization systems.
- **Bolded** parts of names identify short-form names. Both short-form and long-form names are approved for use.
- In entries in which more than one name is approved, each name is identified in brackets and any or all names may be used.
- Conventional names are English-language names which are in current usage and which are approved by BGN.
- Diacritics are graphic marks usually occurring above or below a letter, indicating differences in pronunciation or meaning, as compared to an unmarked letter of the alphabet. Examples are the acute accent (´) and the cedilla (¸).
- Federal Government users should follow their own agency's policy on the use of local names versus conventional names for those features for which both types of names are approved.
- The four-character Federal Information Processing Standard 10 (FIPS 10) code follows entries for administrative entities. The code in the Former Name column is the active FIPS 10 code for the entity. The code in the New Name column is the proposed new code. Proposed codes are forwarded to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, for formal update of the FIPS 10 standard.

DESIGNATION CODES AND DESIGNATIONS

ADM1	first-order administrative division (for example, a province)
CTRS	space center
LTER	leased area

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Almaty Oblysy: ADM1 43°00'N 77°00'E	Almaty Oblysy: ADM1 44°30'N 78°00'E
Aqmola Oblysy: ADM1 51°30'N 71°00'E	Aqmola Oblysy: ADM1 51°30'N 70°00'E
Qostanay Oblysy: ADM1 53°00'N 63°30'E	Qostanay Oblysy: ADM1 51°30'N 164°00'E
Taldyqorgha n Oblysy: ADM1 45°00'N 79°00'E	Delete
Torghay Oblysy: ADM1 50°00'N 65°00'E	Delete
None	Bayqongyr [Kazak]; Baykonur [Russian]; LTER 45°50'N 63°15'E
None	Bayqongyr Gharysh Aylaghy [Kazak]; Kosmodrom Baykonur [Russian]; CTRS 46°00'N 63°15'E
2. <u>MALDIVES</u>	
None	Maale: ADM1 4°10'N 73°30'W