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## DESIGNATION CODES AND DESIGNATIONS

ADM1	first-order administrative division (for example, a province)
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1. <b><u>BULGARIA</u></b>	
None	<b>Blagoevgrad</b> , Oblast: ADM1 41°46'N 23°31'E (BU38)
<b>Burgas</b> [short form]; Burgaska Oblast [long form]: ADM1 42°36'N 26°41'E (BU29)	<b>Burgas</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°36'N 27°18'E (BU39)
None	<b>Dobrich</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°41'N 27°54'E (BU40)
None	<b>Gabrovo</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°00'N 25°16'E (BU41)
<b>Grad Sofiya</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°41'N 23°19'E (BU30)	<b>Sofiya-Grad</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°40'N 23°22'E (BU42)
<b>Khaskovo</b> [short form]; Khaskovska Oblast [long form]: ADM1 42°02'N 25°50'E (BU31)	<b>Khaskovo</b> , Oblast: ADM1 41°46'N 25°56'E (BU43)
None	<b>Kŭrdzhali</b> , Oblast: ADM1 41°35'N 25°28'E (BU44)
None	<b>Kyustendil</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°23'N 22°58'E (BU45)
<b>Lovech</b> [short form]; Loveshka Oblast [long form]: ADM1 43°11'N 25°10'E (BU32)	<b>Lovech</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°04'N 24°35'E (BU46)
<b>Montana</b> Oblast: ADM1 43°32'N 23°32'E (BU33)	<b>Montana</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°30'N 23°11'E (BU47)
None	<b>Pazardzhik</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°05'N 24°10'E (BU48)
None	<b>Pernik</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°38'N 22°53'E (BU49)

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<b>BULGARIA</b> (cont.)	
None	<b>Pleven</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°30'N 24°38'E (BU50)
<b>Plovdiv</b> [short form]; Plovdivska Oblast [long form]: ADM1 42°08'N 24°32'E (BU34)	<b>Plovdiv</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°16'N 24°50'E (BU51)
<b>Razgrad</b> [short form]; Razgradska Oblast [long form]: ADM1 43°32'N 26°31'E (BU35)	<b>Razgrad</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°38'N 26°31'E (BU52)
None	<b>Ruse</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°42'N 26°00'E (BU53)
None	<b>Shumen</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°20'N 27°00'E (BU54)
None	<b>Silistra</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°56'N 27°03'E (BU55)
None	<b>Sliven</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°40'N 26°17'E (BU56)
None	<b>Smolyan</b> , Oblast: ADM1 41°37'N 24°39'E (BU57)
<b>Sofiya</b> [short form]; Sofiyska Oblast [long form]: ADM1 42°17'N 23°16'E (BU36)	<b>Sofiya</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°39'N 23°38'E (BU58)
None	<b>Stara Zagora</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°29'N 25°36'E. (BU59)
None	<b>Tŭrgovishte</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°16'N 26°23'E (BU60)
<b>Varna</b> [short form]; Varnenska Oblast [long form]: ADM1 43°24'N 27°33'E (BU37)	<b>Varna</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°13'N 27°36'E (BU61)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
<b><u>BULGARIA</u></b> (cont.)	
None	<b>Veliko Tŭrnovo</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°14'N 25°39'E (BU62)
None	<b>Vidin</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°49'N 22°43'E (BU63)
None	<b>Vratsa</b> , Oblast: ADM1 43°25'N 23°49'E (BU64)
None	<b>Yambol</b> , Oblast: ADM1 42°20'N 26°38'E (BU65)
2. <b><u>IRAN</u></b>	
None	<b>Golestān</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 37°15'N 55°00'E (IR37)
<b>Markazī</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 34°30'N 50°00'E (IR24)	<b>Markazī</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 34°20'N 49°50'E (IR34)
<b>Māzandarān</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 36°30'N 53°30'E (IR17)	<b>Māzandarān</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 36°15'N 52°20'E (IR35)
None	<b>Qazvīn</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 36°00'N 49°45'E (IR38)
None	<b>Qom</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 34°45'N 51°00'E (IR39)
<b>Zanjān</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 36°40'N 48°29'E (IR27)	<b>Zanjān</b> , Ostān-e: ADM1 36°30'N 48°20'E (IR36)
3. <b><u>TURKEY</u></b>	
<b>Adana İli</b> : ADM1 37°20'N 35°30'E (TU01)	<b>Adana İli</b> : ADM1 37°15'N 35°25'E (TU81)
None	<b>Ardahan İli</b> : ADM1 41°05'N 42°50'E (TU86)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
<b><u>TURKEY</u></b> (cont.)	
None	<b>Bartın İli:</b> ADM1 42°35'N 32°30'E (TU87)
<b>Bursa İli:</b> ADM1 40°10'N 29°05'E (TU16)	No change
<b>Çankırı İli:</b> ADM1 40°45'N 33°25'E (TU18)	<b>Çankırı İli:</b> ADM1 40°40'N 33°25'E (TU82)
<b>Gaziantep İli:</b> ADM1 37°00'N 37°20'E (TU27)	<b>Gaziantep İli:</b> ADM1 37°05'N 37°20'E (TU83)
None	<b>Iğdır İli:</b> ADM1 39°55'N 44°00'E (TU88)
<b>İstanbul İli:</b> ADM1 41°10'N 28°45'E (TU34)	No change
<b>Kahraman Maraş İli:</b> ADM1 38°00'N 37°00'E (TU46)	<b>Kahramanmaraş İli:</b> ADM1 38°00'N 37°00'E (TU46)
None	<b>Karabük İli:</b> ADM1 41°15'N 32°30'E (TU89)
<b>Kars İli:</b> ADM1 40°30'N 43°00'E (TU36)	<b>Kars İli:</b> ADM1 40°25'N 43°05'E (TU84)
None	<b>Kilis İli:</b> ADM1 36°50'N 37°05'E (TU90)
<b>Kocaeli İli:</b> ADM1 40°55'N 29°55'E (TU41)	No change
None	<b>Osmaniye İli:</b> ADM1 37°15'N 36°15'E (TU91)
<b>Şanlı Urfa İli:</b> ADM1 37°15'N 39°00'E (TU63)	<b>Şanlıurfa İli:</b> ADM1 37°15'N 39°00'E (TU63)

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None	<b>Yalova İli:</b>
	ADM1 40°35'N 29°10'E (TU92)
<b>Zonguldak İli:</b>	<b>Zonguldak İli:</b>
ADM1 41°20'N 32°15'E (TU67)	ADM1 41°15'N 31°50'E (TU85)