

Foreign Names Information Bulletin No. 31

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 (US 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, or as needed.

This thirty-first bulletin provides former names and new names of major features approved by the US BGN since the issuance of the thirtieth bulletin in April 2002.

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INTERPRETATION OF ENTRIES

- Geographic names from languages not written in the Roman script are spelled in accordance with romanization systems approved by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (US BGN) and the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use (PCGN).
- Letters with diacritical marks (graphic marks usually occurring above or below a letter, e.g., an acute accent) define differences in pronunciation and/or meaning. By policy the US BGN retains these marks in its decisions.
- The US BGN may approve several alternate names for international features and features in multilingual areas. Labels in brackets distinguish these alternate names.
- The US BGN may approve conventional names (English-language names for features in areas where English is not habitually used) when such names are in widespread current usage. U.S. Federal Government users should refer to their own agency's policy for use of conventional names in lieu of or in addition to local official names.
- US BGN approved short-form names are identified by **bold** type. U.S. Federal Government users should refer to their own agency's policy for use of short-form names in lieu of or in addition to long-form names.
- The four-character Federal Information Processing Standard 10 (FIPS 10 "Countries, Dependencies, Areas of Special Sovereignty, and their Principal Administrative Divisions") code follows entries for country names and names of first-order administrative divisions. The code in the Former Name column is the heretofore-active code for the entity; FIPS 10 code changes are reflected in the New Name column.

DESIGNATION CODES AND DESIGNATIONS

ADM1	first-order administrative division (for example, a province)
PCL	political entity
PCLI	independent political entity

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<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
1. <u>EAST TIMOR</u>	
East Timor [provisional]: PCL 8°50'S 125°45' (TT00)	East Timor , Democratic Republic of [conventional]; República Demokrátika Timor Lorosa'e [Tetum]; República Democrática de Timor-Leste [Portuguese]: PCLI 8°50'S 125°45'E (TT00)
2. <u>ROMANIA</u>	
None	Ilfov , Județul: ADM1 44°35'N 26°10'E (RO43)
3. <u>SPAIN</u>	
Andalucía: ADM1 37°30'N 4°30'W (SP51)	Andalucía , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 37°30'N 4°30'W (SP51)
Aragón: ADM1 41°30'N 0°40'W (SP52)	Aragón , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 41°30'N 0°40'W (SP52)
Asturias , Principado de: ADM1 43°20'N 6°00'W (SP34)	Principado de Asturias , Comunidad Autónoma del: ADM1 43°20'N 6°00'W (SP34)
Canarias: ADM1 28°20'N 15°40'W (SP53)	Canarias , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 28°20'N 15°40'W (SP53)
Cantabria: ADM1 43°10'N 4°00'W (SP39)	Cantabria , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 43°10'N 4°00'W (SP39)
Castilla-La Mancha: ADM1 39°30'N 2°40'W (SP54)	Castilla-La Mancha , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 39°30'N 2°40'W (SP54)
Castilla y León: ADM1 41°40'N 4°40'W (SP55)	Castilla y León , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 41°40'N 4°40'W (SP55)
Cataluña: ADM1 41°40'N 2°00'W (SP56)	Cataluña , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 41°40'N 2°00'W (SP56)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
Extremadura: ADM1 39°20'N 6°00'W (SP57)	Extremadura , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 39°20'N 6°00'W (SP57)
Galicia: ADM1 42°40'N 8°00'W (SP58)	Galicia , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 42°40'N 8°00'W (SP58)
Islas Baleares: ADM1 39°30'N 2°40'E (SP07)	Islas Baleares , Comunidad Autónoma de las: ADM1 39°30'N 2°40'E (SP07)
La Rioja: ADM1 42°15'N 2°30'W (SP27)	La Rioja , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 42°15'N 2°30'W (SP27)
Madrid , Comunidad de: ADM1 40°30'N 3°40'W (SP29)	No change
Murcia , Región de: ADM1 38°00'N 1°30'W (SP31)	Región de Murcia , Comunidad Autónoma de la: ADM1 38°00'N 1°30'W (SP31)
Navarra , Comunidad Foral de: ADM1 42°45'N 1°40'W (SP32)	No change
País Vasco: ADM1 43°00'N 2°30'W (SP59)	País Vasco , Comunidad Autónoma de: ADM1 43°00'N 2°30'W (SP59)
Valenciana: ADM1 39°20'N 0°40'W (SP60)	Valenciana, Comunidad: ADM1 39°20'N 0°40'W (SP60)
4. <u>TAJIKISTAN</u>	
Leninobod , Viloyati: ADM1 40°00'N 69°00'E (TI03)	Sughd , Viloyati: ADM1 40°00'N 69°00'E (TI03)
5. <u>TURKEY</u>	
None	Düzce İli : ADM1 40°50'N 31°10'E (TU93)