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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.

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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)
ADM2	second-order administrative division
ADMD	administrative division
PPLA	seat of a first-order administrative division
PPLC	capital of a political entity

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<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
1. <u>ALBANIA</u>	
Tiranë: PPLC 41°20'N 19°50'E	Tiranë [Albanian]; Tirana [conventional]: PPLC 41°20'N 19°50'E
2. <u>DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO</u>	
Bandundu , Région de: ADM1 4°00'S 18°00'E (CG01)	Bandundu , Province de: ADM1 4°00'S 18°00'E (CG01)
Bas-Zaïre , Région du: ADM1 5°30'S 14°30'E (CG08)	Bas-Congo , Province du: ADM1 5°30'S 14°30'E (CG08)
Équateur , Région de l': ADM1 1°00'N 20°30'E (CG02)	Équateur , Province de l': ADM1 1°00'N 20°30'E (CG02)
Haut-Zaïre , Région du: ADM1 2°30'N 27°00'E (CG09)	Orientale , Province: ADM1 2°30'N 27°00'E (CG09)
Kasai-Occidental , Région du: ADM1 4°30'S 22°00'E (CG03)	Kasaï-Occidental , Province du: ADM1 4°30'S 22°00'E (CG03)
Kasai-Oriental , Région du: ADM1 4°00'S 24°00'E (CG04)	Kasaï-Oriental , Province du: ADM1 4°00'S 24°00'E (CG04)
Kinshasa , Ville de: ADM1 4°30'S 15°30'E (CG06)	No change
Kivu , Région du: ADM1 2°30'S 28°00'E (CG07)	Delete
Maniema , Sous-Région du: ADM2 2°57'S 25°56'E	Maniema , Province du: ADM1 2°55'S 25°55'E (CG10)
Nord-Kivu , Sous-Région du: ADM2 1°41'S 29°14'E	Nord-Kivu , Province du: ADM1 1°40'S 29°15'E (CG11)
Shaba , Région du: ADM1 9°00'S 26°00'E (CG05)	Katanga , Province du: ADM1 9°00'S 26°00'E (CG05)
Sud-Kivu , Sous-Région du: ADM2 3°24'S 29°08'E	Sud-Kivu , Province du: ADM1 3°25'S 29°10'E (CG12)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
3. <u>FINLAND</u>	
Ahvenanmaa [Finnish short form]; Ahvenanmaan Maakunta [Finnish long form]; Landskapet Åland [Swedish]: ADMD 60°15'N 20°00'E (FI01)	Åland [Swedish short form]; Ålands Lan [Swedish long form]; Ahvenanmaa [Finnish short form]; Ahvenanmaan Lääni [Finnish long form]: ADM1 60°15'N 20°00'E (FI01)
None	Etelä-Suomen Lääni [Finnish]; Södra Finlands Län [Swedish]: ADMD 60°50'N 26°00'E (FI13)
Häme [short form]; Hämeen Lääni [long form]: ADMD 61°30'N 24°30'E (FI02)	Delete
None	Itä-Suomen Lääni [Finnish]; Östra Finlands Län [Swedish]: ADM1 62°30'N 28°00'E (FI14)
Keski-Suomi [short form]; Keski-Suomen Lääni [long form]: ADMD 62°30'N 25°30'E (FI03)	Delete
Kuopio [short form]; Kuopion Lääni [long form]: ADMD 63°00'N 27°30'E (FI04)	Delete
Kymi [short form]; Kymen Lääni [long form]: ADMD 61°00'N 28°00'E (FI05)	Delete
None	Länsi-Suomen Lääni [Finnish]; Västra Finlands Län [Swedish]: ADM1 62°00'N 24°00'E (FI15)
Lappi [short form]; Lapin Lääni [long form]: ADMD 68°00'N 27°00'E (FI06)	Lappi [Finnish short form]; Lapin Lääni [Finnish long form]; Lapland [Swedish short form]; Laplands Län [Swedish long form]: ADM1 68°00'N 27°00'E (FI06)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
<u>FINLAND</u> (cont.)	
Mikkeli [short form]; Mikkelin Lääni [long form]: ADMD 62°00'N 27°30'E (FI07)	Delete
Oulu [short form]; Oulun Lääni [long form]: ADMD 65°00'N 27°00'E (FI08)	Oulun Lääni [Finnish]; Uleåborgs Län [Swedish]: ADM1 65°00'N 27°00'E (FI08)
Pohjois-Karjala [short form]; Pohjois-Karjalan Lääni [long form]: ADMD 63°00'N 30°00'E (FI09)	Delete
Turku ja Pori [short form]; Turun ja Pori Lääni [long form]: ADMD 61°00'N 22°30'E (FI10)	Delete
Uusimaa [short form]; Uudenmaan Lääni [long form]: ADMD 60°30'N 25°00'E (FI11)	Delete
Vaasa [short form]; Vaasan Lääni [long form]: ADMD 63°00'N 23°00'E (FI12)	Delete
4. <u>KAZAKHSTAN</u>	
Aqmola: PPLA 51°10'N 71°30'E	Aqmola [Kazakh]; Akmola [conventional]: PPLC 51°10'N 71°30'E
5. <u>TURKMENISTAN</u>	
Ashkhabadskaya Oblast': ADM2 38°15'N 59°45'E (TX00)	Ahal Welayaty: ADM1 38°15'N 59°45'E (TX01)
Balkanskaya Oblast': ADM2 40°00'N 54°30'E (TX00)	Balkan Welayaty: ADM1 40°00'N 54°30'E (TX02)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
<u>TURKMENISTAN</u> (cont.)	
Chardzhouskaya Oblast': ADM2 39°00'N 63°00'E (TX00)	Lebap Welayaty: ADM1 39°00'N 63°00'E (TX04)
Maryyskaya Oblast': ADM2 37°25'N 62°25'E (TX00)	Mary Welayaty: ADM1 37°25'N 62°25'E (TX05)
Tashauzskaya Oblast': ADM2 41°00'N 58°30'E (TX00)	Dashhowuz Welayaty: ADM1 41°00'N 58°30'E (TX03)
6. <u>VANUATU</u>	
Ambrym: ADM1 16°15'S 168°10'E (NH05)	Delete
Aoba/Maéwo: ADM1 15°15'S 168°00'E (NH06)	Delete
Banks/Torres: ADM1 13°45'S 167°30'E (NH07)	Torba Province: ADM1 13°45'S 167°30'E (NH07)
Éfaté: ADM1 17°45'S 168°30'E (NH08)	Delete
Épi: ADM1 16°45'S 168°20'E (NH09)	Delete
Malakula: ADM1 16°20'S 167°30'E (NH10)	Delete
None	Malampa Province: ADM1 16°15'S 167°45'E (NH16)
Paama: ADM1 16°30'S 168°30'E (NH11)	Delete
None	Penama Province: ADM1 15°30'S 168°00'E (NH17)

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
<u>VANUATU</u> (cont.)	
Pentecôte:	Delete
ADM1 15°45'S 168°10'E (NH12)	
Santo/Malo:	Sanma Province:
ADM1 15°20'S 166°45'E (NH13)	ADM1 15°20'S 166°45'E (NH13)
None	Shefa Province:
	ADM1 17°20'S 168°30'E (NH18)
Shepherd:	Delete
ADM1 17°10'S 168°30'E (NH14)	
Taféa:	Tafea Province:
ADM1 19°30'S 169°30'E (NH15)	ADM1 19°30'S 169°30'E (NH15)