

GEOPOLITICAL ENTITIES AND CODES (GEC)  
(FORMERLY FIPS PUB 10-4)

**Update 18**

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*Special notes:*

- 1. Prior to Update 12 the entire content of the GEC (as updated) was usually published in association with each update. However, this practice was introducing unintentional errors into the GEC documentation. Due to this fact and the availability of the GEC Register (<https://nsgreg.nga.mil/genc/register.jsp?register=GEC>), the associated entire GEC content will no longer be published in association with the updates.*
- 2. Administrative division class terms and their English translations have not been consistently included in the update documents, in part because the information was provided in the associated GEC content. Because the entire GEC content is no longer being provided, extra care will be given to providing administrative division class information.*
- 3. Please read all footnotes associated with the entries. Many of the changes listed are being provided in order to correct past errors and allow for a consistent tracking of changes throughout the history of FIPS PUB 10-4 and GEC.*

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**BENIN** (FNC 381)

*Change:*

BN08 Atakora to BN08 Atacora  
BN12 Kouffo to BN12 Couffo

**COMOROS** (FNC 360) <sup>1</sup>

*Change:*

*île autonome (island)* to *île autonome (autonomous island)*

CN01 Hanzwān [Arabic] /  
Ndzuwani [Ndzwani Comorian] /  
Anjouan [French] to CN01 Hanzwān [Arabic] /  
Ndzuwani [Ndzwani Comorian] /  
Anjouan [French]

CN02 Inghāzījā [Arabic] /  
N'gazidja [Ngazidja Comorian] /  
Grand Comore [French] to CN02 Inghāzījā [Arabic] /  
N'gazidja [Ngazidja Comorian] /  
Grand Comore [French]

CN03 Mūhaylī [Arabic] /  
Mwali [Mwali Comorian] /  
Mohéli [French] to CN03 Mūhaylī [Arabic] /  
Mwali [Mwali Comorian] /  
Mohéli [French]

**ITALY** (FNC 360) <sup>2</sup>

*Change:*

*regione autonome [German] /  
regione autonoma [Italian]  
(autonomous region)* to *autonome region [German] /  
regione autonoma [Italian]  
(autonomous region)*

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<sup>1</sup> **Comoros**: correction of the English translation of the administrative division class term

<sup>2</sup> **Italy**: correction of the German administrative division class term

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IT17	Trentino-Südtirol [German] / Trentino-Alto Adige [Italian]	to	IT17	Trentino-Südtirol [German] / Trentino-Alto Adige [Italian]
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**JORDAN** (FNC 381)

*Change:*

JO16	‘Ammān	to	JO16	Al ‘Āṣimah
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**LAOS** (FNC 381)

*Add:*

*khouèng (province)*

LA28 Xaisômboun

**PANAMA** (FNC 364) <sup>3</sup>

*Change:*

	<i>comarca (district)</i>	to	<i>comarca (indigenous region)</i>
PM11	Emberá-Wounaan	to	PM11 Emberá-Wounaan
PM09	Kuna Yala	to	PM09 Kuna Yala
PM12	Ngöbe-Buglé	to	PM12 Ngöbe-Buglé

**SUDAN** (FNC 381)

*Add:*

*wilāyat (state)*

SU62 Gharb Kurdufān [Arabic] / West Kordofan [English]

*Change:*

SU38	Al Jazīra [Arabic] / Gezira [English]	to	SU38	Al Jazīrah [Arabic] / Gezira [English]
SU29	Al Kharṭoum [Arabic] / Khartoum [English]	to	SU29	Al Kharṭūm [Arabic] / Khartoum [English]
SU43	Ash Shimālīyya [Arabic] / Northern [English]	to	SU43	Ash Shimālīyah [Arabic] / Northern [English]
SU47	Gharb Dārfūr [Arabic] / Western Darfur [English]	to	SU47	Gharb Dārfūr [Arabic] / West Darfur [English]
SU49	Janūb Dārfūr [Arabic] / Southern Darfur [English]	to	SU49	Janūb Dārfūr [Arabic] / South Darfur [English]
SU50	Janūb Kurdufān [Arabic] / Southern Kordofan [English]	to	SU50	Janūb Kurdufān [Arabic] / South Kordofan [English]

<sup>3</sup> **Panama:** Correction of the English translation of the administrative division class term

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SU60	Sharq Dārfūr [Arabic] / Eastern Darfur [English]	to	SU60	Sharq Dārfūr [Arabic] / East Darfur [English]
SU55	Shimāl Dārfūr [Arabic] / Northern Darfur [English]	to	SU55	Shimāl Dārfūr [Arabic] / North Darfur [English]
SU56	Shimāl Kurdufān [Arabic] / Northern Kordofan [English]	to	SU56	Shimāl Kurdufān [Arabic] / North Kordofan [English]

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO** (FNC 370) <sup>4</sup>

*Change:*

*region*

TD13 Chaguanas

TD18 Point Fortin

to

to

to

*municipality*

TD13 Chaguanas

TD18 Point Fortin

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<sup>4</sup> **Trinidad and Tobago**: GEC Update 7 (1 February 2012) lacked administrative division class information. In the associated complete GEC table, the term for these two municipalities was incorrectly listed as *region*.