



UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Foreign Geographic Names:

Standardization Policy:

Airfield Names

The Board's Foreign Geographic Names Standardization Principles apply to foreign geographic names in general and form the basis for the Board's foreign names decisions. Additional normative regulations must be developed to address specific geographic and linguistic phenomena peculiar to countries or regional areas. Special classes of geographic names, such as high seas features, may also require special analysis and treatment. For this reason the Board develops supplementary standardization policy and procedure on a country basis, and to address specific standardization issues.

Policy: Airfield Names:

Definition: An *airfield name* is the name of a facility that may be an airbase, airfield, airport, air strip, heliport, landing field, etc.

Policy: In general, the Board does not take action on airfield names. Airfield names are standardized by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) through its Member States. **Airfield names standardized by the ICAO within the GNDB are the standardized form that should be used and as such will be treated as the official name and coded as BGN-Approved (Name Type Code 'N')**. The BGN Foreign Names Staff may be requested by the NGA Aeronautical Navigation Office to provide standardized names for airfields for which no host country-provided name is available.