

GEOPOLITICAL ENTITIES AND CODES (GEC)  
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**AZERBAIJAN** (approved by email vote 6 September 2012)

*Change:*

AJ33 Mingəcevir

to

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<sup>1</sup> Previous GEC updates have incorrectly referenced March 2010

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

*Change:*

BE11	Brussels-Capital Region [conventional] / Brussels Hoofdstedelijk [Dutch] / Bruxelles-Capitale [French]	to	BE11	Brussels-Capital Region [conventional] / Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest [Dutch] / Bruxelles-Capitale [French]
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**BENIN** (FNC 339)<sup>3</sup>

*Change:*

<i>province</i>	to	<i>département (department)</i>
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**BERMUDA**<sup>4</sup>

*Change:*

<i>parish</i>	to	<i>municipality</i>
BD06 Saint George	to	BD06 Saint George

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA** (FNC 332)<sup>5</sup>

*Add:*

*distrikt (district)*

BK03 Brcko District [conventional] / Brčko Distrikt [Serbocroatian]

**BURMA** (FNC 373)

*Add:*

*union territory*

BM18 Nay Pyi Taw

*Change:*

<i>division</i>	to	<i>region</i>
BM03 Ayeyarwady	to	BM03 Ayeyawady
BM16 Bago	to	BM16 Bago
BM15 Magway	to	BM15 Magway
BM08 Mandalay	to	BM08 Mandalay
BM10 Sagaing	to	BM10 Sagaing

<sup>2</sup> Correction to the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation. This information was correctly presented in Appendix A, but not in Table 2.

<sup>3</sup> Incomplete information was provided in FIPS 10-4 Change Notice 9 (1 October 2004). The new and existing primary administrative divisions of Benin announced therein should have been classified as *département (department)*. The incorrect generic term *province* has been used in the GEC recompilation and subsequent updates.

<sup>4</sup> Correction to the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation. Although correctly presented in FIPS 10-4, the generic (descriptive) term for Saint George (BD06) was incorrectly presented as *parish* in the GEC recompilation and subsequent updates.

<sup>5</sup> Correction to FIPS 10-4 Change Notice No. 8, 28 June 2002.

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BM12 Tanintharyi	to	BM12 Taninthayi
BM17 Yangon	to	BM17 Yangon

**CAMEROON**<sup>6</sup>

*Change:*

CM11 Center [English] / Centre [French]	to	CM11 Centre [English, French]
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**CYPRUS** (FNC 373)

*Change:*

<i>district</i>	to	<i>eparchía (district)</i>
CY01 Famagusta	to	CY01 Ammóchostos
CY02 Kyrenia	to	CY02 Kerýneia
CY03 Larnaca	to	CY03 Lárnaka
CY05 Limassol	to	CY05 Lemesós
CY04 Nicosia	to	CY04 Lefkosía
CY06 Paphos	to	CY06 Páfos

**INDONESIA** (FNC 359)<sup>7</sup>

*Change:*

<i>propinsi (province)</i>	to	<i>provinsi (province)</i>
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**IRAQ** (FNC 373)

*Change:*

IZ11 Arbīl	to	IZ11 Arbīl [Arabic] / Hewlêr [Kurdish] /
IZ05 As Sulaymānīyah	to	IZ05 As Sulaymānīyah [Arabic] / Slêmanî [Kurdish]
IZ08 Dahūk	to	IZ08 Dahūk [Arabic] / Dihok [Kurdish]

**JAPAN**<sup>8</sup>

*Change:*

JA12 Hokkaido	to	JA12 Hokkaidō
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<sup>6</sup> Correction to Table 2 of the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation

<sup>7</sup> This change was inadvertently omitted from April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation

<sup>8</sup> Correction to Table 2 of the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation. Hokkaidō was correctly presented in FIPS 10-3. FIPS 10-4 did not use diacritics and Japan was never the subject of a subsequent Change Notice.

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**KOSOVO**<sup>9</sup>

*Change:*

KV10 Kaçanik [Albanian] /  
Kačanik [Serbian] to KV09 Kaçanik [Albanian] /  
Kačanik [Serbian]

KV09 Kamenicë [Albanian] /  
Kamenica [Serbian] to KV10 Kamenicë [Albanian] /  
Kamenica [Serbian]

**LATVIA** (FNC 365)<sup>10</sup>

*Add:*

LG34 Ādažu Novads

**LIBERIA** (FNC 300)<sup>11</sup>

*Add:*

LI15 Bomi  
LI16 Grand Kru  
LI17 Margibi  
LI18 River Cess

**MACEDONIA**<sup>12</sup>

*Add:*

MK54 Kruševo

**PHILIPPINES**<sup>13</sup>

1.) Corrections to April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation Table 2

*Delete:*

RP61 Surigao del Norte  
RP64 Zamboanaga del Sur

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<sup>9</sup> Correction to Table 2 of the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation

<sup>10</sup> Correction to Geopolitical Entities and Codes (Formerly FIPS 10-4) Update 2 (30 November 2010)

<sup>11</sup> Correction to FIPS 10-4 Change Notice No. 1, 1 December 1998. This change notice failed to include the addition of the four primary administrative divisions listed above. These entities were listed in Table 2 of the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation but should have also been included in Appendix A along with other changes not included in FIPS 10-4 change notices.

<sup>12</sup> Correction to Table 2 of the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation

<sup>13</sup> Corrections to Table 2 and Appendix A of the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation as follows: 1.) Table 2: The codes for Tarlac (both the charter city and the province), Zambales, Zamboanga, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay were incorrectly presented in Table 2. Additionally, a duplicate, misspelled entry for Zamboanga del Sur was presented in Table 2 as RP64 Zamboanaga del Sur. Appendix A noted the deletion of RP61 Surigao del Norte, but the entry was unintentionally left in Table 2. 2) Appendix A: Two entries for Taguig were presented in Appendix A. RPN6 is the correct code for Taguig. Codes for all Philippines entries following Taguig were incorrectly presented in Appendix A, but were correct in Table 2. Please note that GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) Update 8 (1 May 2012) subsequently deleted Tagum (RPN7), Talisay (Cebu) (RPN8), Talisay (Negro Occidental) (RPN9), Tanauan (RPO1), Tanjay (RPO2), Tarlac (RPO3), Tuguegarao (RPO4), Urdaneta (RPO5), Valencia (RPO6), Victorias (RPO8), and Vigan (RPO9).

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<i>charter city</i>	to	<i>charter city</i>
RP63 Tarlac	to	RPO3 Tarlac
<i>province</i>	to	<i>province</i>
RPO3 Tarlac	to	RP63 Tarlac
RPP1 Zambales	to	RP64 Zambales

2.) Corrections to April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation Appendix A

*Delete:*

RPN7 Taguig

*Change:*

RPN8 Tagum	to	RPN7 Tagum
RPN9 Talisay (Cebu)	to	RPN8 Talisay (Cebu)
RPO1 Talisay (Negros Occidental)	to	RPN9 Talisay (Negros Occidental)
RPO2 Tanauan	to	RPO1 Tanauan
RPO3 Tanjay	to	RPO2 Tanjay
RPO4 Tarlac	to	RPO3 Tarlac
RPO5 Tuguegarao	to	RPO4 Tuguegarao
RPO6 Urdaneta	to	RPO5 Urdaneta
RPO7 Valencia	to	RPO6 Valencia
RPO8 Valenzuela	to	RPO7 Valenzuela
RPO9 Victorias	to	RPO8 Victorias
RPP1 Vigan	to	RPO9 Vigan
RPP2 Zamboanaga del Sur	to	RPP1 Zamboanaga del Sur
RPP3 Zamboanga Sibugay	to	RPP2 Zamboanga Sibugay

**TANZANIA** (FNC 373)

*Add:*

TZ28 Geita [English, Swahili]  
 TZ29 Katavi [English, Swahili]  
 TZ30 Njombe [English, Swahili]  
 TZ31 Simiyu [English, Swahili]

*Change:*

TZ26 Arusha	to	TZ26 Arusha [English, Swahili]
TZ23 Dar es Salaam	to	TZ23 Dar es Salaam [English] / Dar Es Salaam [Swahili]
TZ03 Dodoma	to	TZ03 Dodoma [English, Swahili]

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TZ04	Iringa	to	TZ04	Iringa [English, Swahili]
TZ19	Kagera	to	TZ19	Kagera [English, Swahili]
TZ05	Kigoma	to	TZ05	Kigoma [English, Swahili]
TZ06	Kilimanjaro	to	TZ06	Kilimanjaro [English, Swahili]
TZ07	Lindi	to	TZ07	Lindi [English, Swahili]
TZ27	Manyara	to	TZ27	Manyara [English, Swahili]
TZ08	Mara	to	TZ08	Mara [English, Swahili]
TZ09	Mbeya	to	TZ09	Mbeya [English, Swahili]
TZ10	Morogoro	to	TZ10	Morogoro [English, Swahili]
TZ11	Mtwara	to	TZ11	Mtwara [English, Swahili]
TZ12	Mwanza	to	TZ12	Mwanza [English, Swahili]
TZ13	Pemba North	to	TZ13	Pemba North [English] / Kaskazini Pemba [Swahili]
TZ20	Pemba South	to	TZ20	Pemba South [English] / Kusini Pemba [Swahili]
TZ02	Pwani	to	TZ02	Coast [English] / Pwani [Swahili]
TZ24	Rukwa	to	TZ24	Rukwa [English, Swahili]
TZ14	Ruvuma	to	TZ14	Ruvuma [English, Swahili]
TZ15	Shinyanga	to	TZ15	Shinyanga [English, Swahili]
TZ16	Singida	to	TZ16	Singida [English, Swahili]
TZ17	Tabora	to	TZ17	Tabora [English, Swahili]
TZ18	Tanga	to	TZ18	Tanga [English, Swahili]
TZ21	Zanzibar Central/South	to	TZ21	Zanzibar Central/South [English] / Kusini Unguja [Swahili]
TZ22	Zanzibar North	to	TZ22	Zanzibar North [English] / Kaskazini Unguja [Swahili]
TZ25	Zanzibar Urban/West	to	TZ25	Zanzibar Urban/West [English] / Mjini Magharibi [Swahili]

**THAILAND**<sup>14</sup>

TH40	Krung Thep Mahanakhon	to	TH40	Krung Thep
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**ZAMBIA** (FNC 373)

*Add:*

ZA10 Muchinga

<sup>14</sup> Correction to Table 2 of the April 2010 GEC (Formerly FIPS 10-4) recompilation. Krung Thep Mahanakhon is the approved long form name. The short form Krung Thep (used in FIPS PUB 10-3 and FIPS PUB 10-4) is being restored to maintain consistency