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# ***Codelist Maintenance: the Brazilian Experience***

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# Brazilian codelist overview

- **Codelist situation in 2015 (Release 2014/2): 2205 entries**

Status	AI	RL	RQ	QQ	XX
Qty	326	427	1443	8	1

- **Work done since NFP nomination:**

- 254 code deletions, including:
  - 71 locations that don't exist
  - 75 non-mnemonic codes (e.g. BR LTE for Rolante)
  - 26 codes with digits (e.g. BR AL2 for Alecrim)
- 224 codes created (195 users DMRs; 29 NFP DMRs)
- 66 entries modified (spelling, subdivision, functions, coordinates)
- 44 DMRs rejected

- **Current Situation (Release 2019/1): 2175 entries**

Status	AA	AC	AI	RL	RQ
Qty	128	144	273	310	1320

# Errors we should avoid

- **Most common errors from requesters:**
  - Incorrect use of function 6 (ICD, multimodal transport)
  - “One use code” x Ongoing use location
  - Places that aren’t locations for the UN/LOCODE purposes (e.g. port terminals, farms, industrial plants, ...)
- **Errors committed by NFPs:**
  - Changing widely known codes for important locations:
    - São Paulo: BR SAO → BR SPO → BR SAO
    - Rio de Janeiro: BR RIO → BR RJO → BR RIO
  - Changing codes considering only national IT systems:
    - Port of Pecém: BR PEC → BR PCE → BR PEC

# Maintenance Group advantages

- **Better comprehension of the private sector needs:**
  - Small locations can be part of international trade too
- **Opportunity to clarify UN/LOCODE maintenance rules to the private sector**
  - Location definition
  - Functions
  - Naming rules
  - Code rules
- **Online evaluation of more complex cases**
  - Especially important when there's no NFP assigned for the concerned country
  - Massive changes

- **Revision of all entries that have function 1**
  - 88 entries with status  $\langle \rangle$  AA to be revised
  - Golden rule: do not change codes for the biggest ports
  - Additional goal: identify which locations have inland ports, whose function shall be changed from 1 to 8
- **ATTENTION! Harmonization implies choosing:** in case of code duplications or code conflicts between different databases (LOCODE x IMO x Customs systems), only one code will remain
- **Code reuse may still happen:** 1630 entries were never validated before

# Thank you!

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