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# Changes in ISO 3166

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## TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

# ISO/TC 46

## INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

- WG 02 “Coding of country names and related entities”:  
ISO 3166 standard
- ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency (MA):  
Updates of the code lists

# ISO 3166

- **ISO 3166/MA is responsible for the maintenance of the data**  
**The ISO 3166/MA is responsible for maintaining the data of ISO 3166-1 to 3 on Online Browsing Platform (OBP), not the standard itself.**
- **TC 46/WG2 is responsible for the ISs**  
**The revisions of ISO 3166-1 to 3 contain, from now on, only the normative static text.**

# ISO-3166



Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions

3166-1: Part 1 - Country codes

3166-2: Part 2 - Country subdivision code

3166-3: Part 3 - Code for formerly used names of countries

# ISO 3166

- ISO 3166 : 1974, 1981, 1988,1993
- ISO 3166-1, ISO 3166-2, ISO 3166-3 : 1997
  - ISO 3166-1: 1997, 2006, 2013
  - ISO 3166-2: 1998, 2007, 2013
  - ISO 3166-3: 1999, 2013

Note: English and French are the main languages of the ISO 3166 standard.

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# ISO 3166: 2020

Project reference	Committee	External relation	Type		Due date
<a href="#">ISO/FDIS 3166-1 (Ed 4)</a>	ISO/TC 46	VA ISO lead	FDIS	<b>English title:</b> Codes for the representation of names o... <b>French title:</b> Codes pour la représentation des noms d...	2020-07-20
<a href="#">ISO/FDIS 3166-2 (Ed 4)</a>	ISO/TC 46		FDIS	<b>English title:</b> Codes for the representation of names o... <b>French title:</b> Codes pour la représentation des noms d...	2020-07-20
<a href="#">ISO/FDIS 3166-3 (Ed 3)</a>	ISO/TC 46		FDIS	<b>English title:</b> Codes for the representation of names o... <b>French title:</b> Codes pour la représentation des noms d...	2020-07-20

Main objective: consistency of terminology



# ISO 3166: 2020

## Long journey to revise:

- drafting three descriptive parts of ISO 3166 International Standard;
- with ISO3166:2013 edition as a starting point;
- describing three code lists, already moved in the end of 2013 to the database (which anyone may visualize with application Open Browsing Platform);
- conformant with the rules from ISO/IEC Directives Part 2.

# ISO 3166: 2020

## Main changes:

The following statement was added at the end of “Introduction” in all 3 parts of ISO3166:

The International Standard ISO 3166 has been the very first ISO achievement of the concept of "**standard as a database**", implemented in the end of 2013. The ISO OBP (Open Browsing Platform) is an application to visualise ISO 3166 codes on the web interface, the data being stored in the unseen database.

The International Standard ISO 3166, for each of its three parts - three codes - is formed of two components: documented description of its content, and its related content inside a database.

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# ToRs of MA

## Main changes:

- Standing members: a minimum five and not more than eight international organizations that are not within ISO may be appointed to ISO 3166/MA.
- Rotating ISO P-members: any P-members from ISO TC/46 who are not standing members may apply to be a rotating P-member of ISO 3166/MA
- Voting procedures: the vote will only be approved if there is a two-thirds majority and at least eight positive votes. When there is a two-thirds majority of positive votes, but fewer than eight positive votes because of the high number of abstentions, a second round of voting is held. After the second round, there will be no further ballots on the same proposal.



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