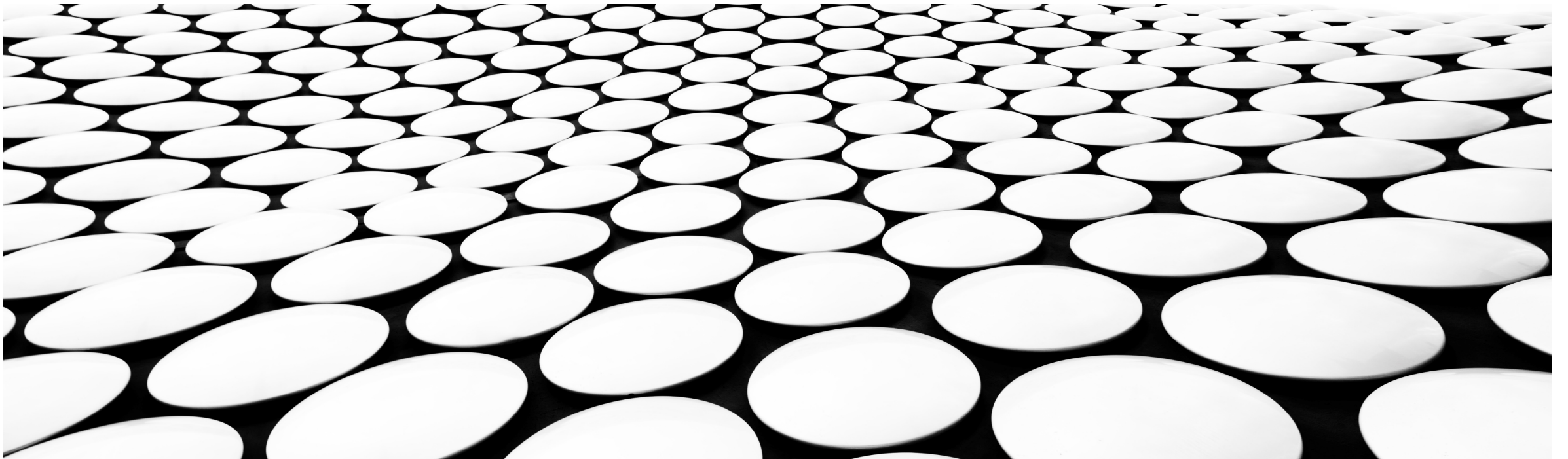

CODE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IN UN/LOCODE

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ISO 3166-1

- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: “GB”.



BREXIT

- Some stakeholders suggest a unique code to distinguish Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK for trade and taxation purposes.
- The UK and EU have agreed between themselves to use the codes “XI” (for Northern Ireland) and “XU” (for UK minus Northern Ireland),
- ISO 3166 codes beginning with “X” are used as “user-assigned codes”



DISCUSSION BY ISO

At its 44th meeting on 17 May 2021, the Iso 3166 Maintenance Agency discussed:

- As a parent subdivision in ISO 3166-2
- Noted the agreement between the UK and the EU

OPTION 1: CREATE “=” ENTRY FOR LOCATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

- Special entry “=”

for example, GB LAR = XI LAR

GB LAR	Larne	Larne	LRN	1-----	AF	9511				
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- Special code “XI”
- Flexibility

OPTION 2: ASSIGN “XI” FOR LOCATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND “GB” FOR OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE UK

- Replace the code “GB” with “XI” for locations in Northern Ireland

For example: GB LAR

XI	LAR	Larne	Larne	LRN	1-----	AF	9511			
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- It might impact UN/LOCODE child codes.
- A potential risk

OPTION 3: CREATE DOUBLE UN/LOCODE ENTRIES FOR LOCATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

- Create a double entry
For example: GB LAR

GB LAR	Larne	Larne	LRN	1-----	AF	9511			XI LAR
XI LAR	Larne	Larne	LRN	1-----	AF	9511			GB LAR

- Confusion

OPTION 4: KEEP THE COUNTRY CODE “GB” BUT ADD A COMMENT IN THE “REMARK” COLUMN

- Adding “NIR” to flag locations in Northern Ireland and indicating the corresponding code starting with “XI” in the column “Remark”.

GB LAR	Larne	Larne	LRN	1-----	AF	9511				NIR: XI LAR
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- Identifying all UN/LOCODE locations in Northern Ireland
- Not identifying through the first two-character of the UN/LOCODE



OPTION 5

Do nothing.

Decision?

Thank You