Establishing the UN/LOCODE Official Child Code (OCC) system

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1.Background

- Background 1: R.16 & existing codes
  - Recommendation 16 (Rev 4) specifies that a UN/LOCODE shall be assigned to a city or an area.
  - Many legacy codes identify sub-locations.
    - Nearly all big cities have sub-locations.
    - Non-conformance to R.16.
    - These legacy codes are valuable and should not be deleted.

1.Background

- Background 2: About Child code systems
  - The current 3 child code systems covers ONLY ports or container terminals
    - Now only SMDG, IMO, or BIC code
    - No child code solutions for airports, Mail center, oil pipeline, Border crossing, SEZ, etc.
    - No child code solutions for train stations or road transport, if they are not container related

1.Background

- **Background 3: DMR applications**
  - When a submitter requests a code for a port within a city which already has a UN/LOCODE, the current maintenance policy will recommend the submitter to apply for child code.
    - However, he/she may request UNECE assigned codes ONLY
  - DMR applications for sub-locations like airports, pipeline terminals, border-crossing, etc., have to be refused anyway.
    - This may not fit the initial purpose of UN/LOCODE when it was first established.
    - This may reduce the user group of UN/LOCODE

1.Background

- Summary:
  - An UN/LOCODE official child code should be established
    - To accommodate the existing legacy code for sub-locations in the code list
    - To provide the option for submitters requesting UNECE sponsored code
    - To provide the option for child codes that are of any of the R.16 functions.

2.Requirements/Limitations

- The solution needs to be simple and not affects the current practice and application much, given:
  - R.16 can not be revised in the near future.
  - The legacy UN/LOCODE code list can not be changed significantly, because they are already used widely in the world.
  - There should not be a lot of burden added to existing national focal points.
  - What's the easiest solution?

3.The solution

- The solution is "hidden" in the current code list
  - The names of many of the code for locations within a city are using "/", "," "-" to show that they are sub-locations
- Also in R.16 rev.3
  - In 3.2.9, "/" means a sublocation
  - In 3.2.8, "-" means a subordinate entity
    - airport, outlying ports, freight terminal, etc.
  - In 3.2.7, "," means the indication of a significate upper location
- This de facto system of "Child Code" can be given a more explicit status.

3.The solution

- **Establishing the UN/LOCODE Official Child Code (OCC) system**
  - Standardize the "name" column, with respect to the use of separator "/", ",", "-".
  - Using
    - the existing "de-facto" child codes as the initial set.
    - the same attributes
    - the same DMR application procedure
    - the same IT maintenance system
      - The same database
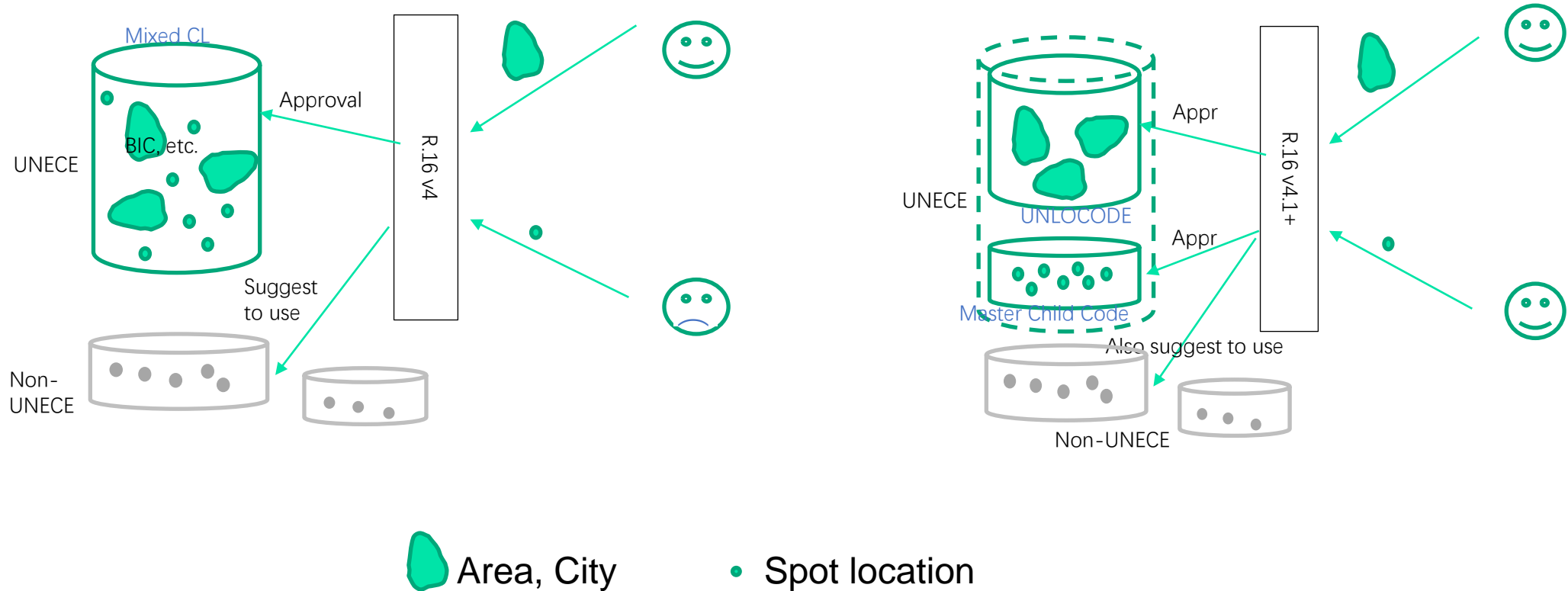   - The same client interface software

3.The solution

- **Establishing the UN/LOCODE Official Child Code (OCC) system**
  - On the official policy level:
    - Declaring the fourth child code system
    - Establishing the mechanism to create two views of the code list, based on the separator "/" in the name column
      - the mixed view
      - the separated view.
        - the list of city codes
        - the list of OCC codes which are linked to parent city codes.
        - in the list of OCC codes add an additional column of "parent".
      - Transformable without loss of any information.

3.The solution

Area, City   • Spot location

3.The solution

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Country	Location	Name	Subdivision
US	ASA	Astoria/Queens/New York	NY
US	BOY	Brooklyn/New York	NY
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US	MNH	Manhattan/New York	NY
US	NYC	New York	NY
US	Z2E	New York Mills	NY
US	OZO	Ozone Park/Queens/New York	NY
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US	WOS	Woodside/Queens/New York	NY
US	ZJI	Alpine, Los Angeles	CA
US	CRC	Commerce/Los Angeles	CA
US	LAX	Los Angeles	CA
US	TSU	Treasure Island/Los Angeles	CA
US	CHI	Chicago	IL
US	LPD	Lincoln Park, Chicago	IL
US	MWQ	Maywood/Chicago	IL
FR	ATY	Antony/Paris	92
FR	BLV	Belleville/Paris	75
FR	ORY	Orly Apt/Paris	94
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FR	PAR	Paris	75
FR	STD	Saint-Denis/Paris	93
FR	LYN	Bron Apt/Lyon	69
FR	GRE	Guillotière/Lyon	69
FR	LIO	Lyon	69
FR	ZFO	Sainte-Foy-lès-Lyon	69
FR	LYS	Saint-Exupéry Apt/Lyon	69
GB	AHE	Ashtead/London	SRY
GB	BKG	Barking/London	ESS
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GB	LON	London	LND
GB	LCT	London City Airport	LND
GB	LCL	London Colney	HRT
GB	NWL	North Weald Bassett/London	ESS
GB	RBG	Redbridge/London	HAM

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The official child code list

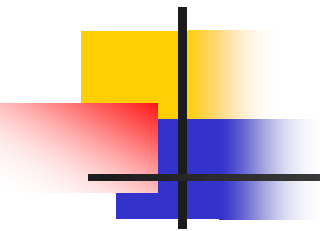| Country	Location	Name	Subdivision	Parent
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GB	AHE	Ashtead	SRY	LON
GB	BKG	Barking	ESS	LON
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GB	LCT	London City Airport	LND	LON
GB	LCL	London Colney	HRT	LON
GB	NWL	North Weald Bassett	ESS	LON
GB	RBG	Redbridge	HAM	LON

4.What next?

- A guidance document addressing the following issues:
  - General principles
  - Additional rules for the assignment of child codes:
    - coding scheme, whether alpha-numeric or not
    - Structures, hierarchies,
    - Name column syntax
    - Other
  - Possible minor changes to DMR design
  - Actions needed in the maintenance procedure
  - Data quality improvement suggestions in the long term

Thank you!