

GEOPOLITICAL ENTITY NAME AND CODE

STANDARD

Data following this standard should conform to the following:

	Geopolitical Entity Name	Geopolitical Entity Code	Principal Administrative Division Name	Principal Administrative Division Code
DATA TYPE	Character	Character Alpha	Character	Character Alphanumeric
SYNTAX	Full name, up to a maximum of 50 characters	AA	Full name, up to a maximum of 60 characters	AANN
RANGE	Letters A through Z and punctuation marks	A represents a letter from A through Z	Letters A through Z and punctuation marks	A represents a letter from A through Z N represents a number from 0 through 9 Punctuation marks are not allowed
RECOMMENDED FIELD NAME	CNTRYNAME	CNTRYCODE	ADM1NAME	ADM1CODE

INSTRUCTIONS

Important Notice: Effective September 2, 2008, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced in the [Federal Register, Volume 73, No. 170](#) (73FR 51276), that the Secretary of Commerce approved the withdrawal of 10 FIPS Publications, including FIPS 10-4. These FIPS were withdrawn because they are obsolete or have not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards, federal specifications, federal data standards, or current good practices for information security.

Transition from FIPS to the GeoNET Names Server (GNS): The NGA, formerly known as the National Imagery and Mapping Agency or NIMA, has maintenance authority for FIPS 10-4. The GeoNet Names Server (GNS) provides access to the NGA and the [U.S. Board on Geographic Names](#) (US BGN) database of foreign geographic feature names. The GNS database is the official repository of foreign place-name decisions approved by the US BGN and contains 4 million features with 5.5 million names (approximate as of December 2008). The coordinate system for data served by GNS is WGS84. Coordinates in the GeoNet Names Server are approximate and are intended for finding purposes only. The online database is updated on a bi-weekly schedule.

SAMPLE DATA FOLLOWING THIS STANDARD

Examples of data and/or lookups for data following this standard.

[Lookup Values](#) (Adobe PDF *.pdf)

RELATED REFERENCE RESOURCES

Applicable policies:

[Part 274, FW 2, Establishing Service Data Standards](#)