



Dear Reader,

In order to keep you up-to-date about changes in member countries' addressing data and addressing systems, we created this newsletter.

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## News



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### In the current 2021.1 release:

- 45 countries and territories have updated their data.
- 2 data sets have been completely modified.
- 41 data sets in total are in the "Territories" folder.
- 266 data sets in total are in Universal *POST\*CODE*® DataBase.

### Unique addresses in Ghana

Ghana adopted postal codes on 18 October 2017 following the launch of its national digital address system. As a joint venture between Ghana Post and Vodacom Ltd, the digital address system assigned postcodes and unique addresses to every square in Ghana.

GhanaPostGPS is a digital property addressing system that divides the territory into a grid of 5 m x 5 m squares and assigns each one a permanent address. As a result, postcodes in Ghana are composed of a two-character alpha-numeric prefix representing the region and district, followed by a hyphen and then three to four digits, depending on the size of the locality (e.g. **GN-0008**, **E3-000**, **E2-0697**, **A2-0182**).

For an exact description of the new postcode system and national postal addressing system, visit

<https://www.upu.int/UPU/media/upu/PostalEntitiesFiles/addressingUnit/ghaEn.pdf>

The new digital addressing system does not differentiate between urban and rural addresses. Under the new postcode system, there is a unique code for each district within a region.

## Streets in the Dominican Republic

The designated operator of the Dominican Republic, Instituto Postal Dominicano, has provided 10,551 streets from the metropolitan area of Santo Domingo, known as Greater Santo Domingo. The 2021.1 release has integrated this data into the Universal *POST\*CODE*<sup>®</sup> DataBase. Simultaneously, data related to provinces, municipalities and post offices was improved and updated.

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