Territories, country subdivisions and interdependent data sets

General information

A country can be linked to a dependency or to another area/territory of particular geopolitical interest. As a result of these complex relationships, their addressing systems may be identical, similar or different, and their addressing data may converge or diverge.

How these links are represented in the Universal *POST*CODE*® DataBase

The data for certain country subdivisions or territories are listed only in the data sets for the country to which they relate. In these cases, in the "List of countries, country subdivisions and interdependent data sets", the column "DATA INCLUDED IN" gives the code of the data set (ISO-3 country code) containing this data.

However, the data for some country subdivisions or territories is provided separately and is not included at all in the data set for the country to which they relate. In these cases, the value "YES" appears in the "SEPARATE DATA SET" column and, the column "DATA INCLUDED IN" is empty.

In other cases, the data for country subdivisions or territories is listed both within the data sets of their countries and in separate data sets. In such cases, the data set code for the country (ISO-3 country code) appears in the "DATA INCLUDED IN" column, while the value "YES" appears in the "SEPARATE DATA SET" column.

There are also areas/territories for which no data is provided. They are, however, included for information purposes. In these cases, the "DATA INCLUDED IN" column is empty, while the value "NO" appears in the "SEPARATE DATA SET" column.

For territories, country subdivisions and/or areas/territories of geopolitical interest that are associated with other countries, the new geographical entity "TERRITORIES" has been defined and contains its own series of data packages.

Specific information:

AUS AUSTRALIA

This country is linked to six territories, four of which are covered by the Australian postcode system. The postcode data of these four territories is listed in both the Australian postcode data files and in separate data sets in the Universal *POST*CODE*® DataBase.

There is no data for either the Australian Antarctic Territory or for the Ashmore and Cartier Islands, which are uninhabited.

USA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The USA is linked to six territories, all of which are covered by the USPS postcode system. Their postcodes, along with those of three additional, independent territories, are all found within the USA data files. Five of the six territories, with the exception of U.S. Minor Outlying Islands, are also provided in separate data files.

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DNK DENMARK

This country is linked to two territories. Both are covered by the Danish addressing system, but their data is found only in separate data files.

FRA FRANCE

France is linked to 13 territories, all of which are covered by the French addressing system. With the exception of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands, which are uninhabited, all postcode data is provided both in the French postcode data files and as separate data sets.

In addition, for Monaco, which follows the French addressing system, postal addressing data is also provided in the French postcode data files and as separate data sets.

GBR UNITED KINGDOM

United Kingdom is linked to 19 overseas territories, including three British crown dependencies. Only the three British crown dependencies are covered by the Royal Mail addressing system and their postcode data is provided within the British files sourced from the Royal Mail PAF file.

Twelve other territories are covered by their own shared postcode system. In most cases, there is a single postcode per territory. These postcodes are provided in separate data files.

For the British Indian Ocean Territory, there is an additional, American postcode: "96595", included in the USPS postcode system and referring to US military addresses located in the British Indian Ocean Territory. This postcode is also provided in the US postcode data files.

Bermuda and the Cayman Islands follow their own postcode system. Postcode data for both territories is provided in separate data files.

Diego Garcia is part of the British Indian Ocean Territory and is covered by the corresponding postcode system.

NLD NETHERLANDS

Following recent institutional reform, the former Netherlands Antilles are now classified as three territories linked to the Netherlands. Their postcode data is provided in separate data files.

The fourth territory linked to the Netherlands is Aruba, whose data is also provided in a separate data file.

NOR NORWAY

This country is linked to three territories, all of which are covered by Norway's addressing system. Even though they are not counties, Svalbard and Jan Mayen have been given counties postal codes, for the purposes of data consistency. Their locality-level postcode data is provided both within the "Locality" file for Norway and in a separate data file. Street-level data for Svalbard, provided in the "Street Register" data file for Norway, is only available under specific licensing conditions.

Bouvet Island, Queen Maud Land and Peter I Island are uninhabited. They have no addresses or postal codes and thus no data file exists for them.

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