

PREFACE

The first edition of Class J, Political Science, was published in 1910 and the second in 1924. The second edition was reissued with supplementary pages in 1966. A revision of the second edition was published in 1991 integrating all changes that had been made between 1924 and 1991 into the text of the schedule itself. A fully revised new edition was published in 1995, and in 1997 an edition was published that cumulated all changes that were made between 1995 and 1997, and that included for the first time the new subclass JZ, International Relations. Subclass JZ, together with the new subclass KZ, Law of Nations, replaced the former subclass JX. A 2006 edition cumulated additions and changes that were made between 1997 and 2006, followed by an edition in 2008. This 2012 edition cumulates additions and changes that have been made since the publication of the 2008 edition. For reference purposes, the obsolete subclass JX is still included in this edition and will be retained in future editions. All JX numbers are parenthesized. Where possible, see references have been made from the obsolete JX numbers to their counterparts in JZ and KZ.

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