

## Regions and Countries Table G 300

**BACKGROUND:** *The regions and countries table was developed in order to encourage uniformity of Cutter numbers among classes. It is applied to new entries in the shelflist when the form caption in the classification schedule reads **By region or country, A-Z**, provided that there is no conflict with existing entries. The table contains all 195 independent countries as of 2019, 26 major dependencies and areas of special sovereignty, some historical jurisdictions or entities, and some islands. The table is normally amended only when world events require the change of names of countries. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for applying the regions and countries table and for establishing new Cutters for the table. For principles governing Cuttering by region or country, see F 430.*

**1. Existing Cutters.** If a Cutter for a region or country has been used in the shelflist or established in the classification schedule, use that number even if it is in conflict with the number in the regions and countries table.

**2. New Cutters.** If a Cutter for a specific region or country is being applied for the first time in a particular class, and there is no conflict with adjacent Cutter numbers, use the Cutter indicated in the regions and countries table. If a conflict exists with adjacent Cutter numbers, continue the existing Cutter arrangement, adjusting the new Cutter to maintain the proper alphabetical arrangement.

**3. Special rules.** For special rules related to creating Cutter numbers under captions reading **By region or country, A-Z** (or its equivalent), see F 430.

**4. Using new Cutters not listed in the table.** If necessary to create a Cutter for a dependency, region, historical jurisdiction, or island not listed below, shelflist the item according to normal rules. Entities of this type are not normally added to the table.

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