

PREFACE

The first edition of Class G, with the exception of subclasses GE (*Environmental Sciences*), GR (*Folklore*), and GT (*Manners and Customs (General)*), was published in 1910. Subclasses GR and GT were published separately in 1915. The second edition, published in 1928, incorporated subclasses GR and GT and also included a tentative scheme for classification of atlases. The third edition, published in 1954, included for the first time a full classification scheme for maps. The fourth edition, the first to be published with the title *Geography. Maps. Anthropology. Recreation*, cumulated additions and changes made through 1975 and appeared in 1976. The 2001 edition cumulated changes made between 1976 and early 2001, and included the newly developed subclass GE. The 2005 edition cumulated changes made during the period 2001-2005, followed by the 2007 and 2015 edition. This 2016 edition cumulates changes made since the publication of the 2015 edition.

In editions of the Library of Congress classification schedules published since 2004, classification numbers or spans of numbers that appear in parentheses are formerly valid numbers that are now obsolete. Numbers or spans that appear in angle brackets are optional numbers that have never been used at the Library of Congress but are provided for other libraries that wish to use them. In most cases, a parenthesized or angle-bracketed number is accompanied by a "see" reference directing the user to the actual number that the Library of Congress currently uses, or a note explaining Library of Congress practice.

The numbers G1000-3122 (Atlases), G3160-3171 (Globes), and G3180-9980 (Maps) make use of an extensive system of geographic Cutter numbers that have been established by the Library of Congress for the classification of cartographic materials for individual regions, counties, localities, etc. Since the full list of these geographic Cutters now numbers over 100,000, it is not practical to print them in the schedule itself. The Cutters are available in separate tables that are not included in this printed edition. Although references to tables numbered G1 through G9804 appear in this schedule, only Tables G1 through G16 are actually included at the end of the volume. The remaining tables, i.e., Tables G1548 through G9804, appear in *Classification Web*, the online version of the Library of Congress Classification that is available by subscription from the Cataloging Distribution Service. Details about ordering and pricing may be obtained from the Cataloging Distribution Service at

[<http://www.loc.gov/cds/>](http://www.loc.gov/cds/)

The geographic Cutter number tables are also available in the form of a PDF file that may be downloaded at no charge from the following location:

[<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsoc/gcutter.html>](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsoc/gcutter.html)

New or revised numbers and captions are added to the LC Classification schedules as a result of development proposals made by the cataloging staff of the Library of Congress and cooperating institutions. Upon approval of these proposals by the editorial meeting of the Policy and Standards Division, new classification records are

created or existing records are revised in the master classification database. Lists of newly approved or revised classification numbers and captions are posted on the World Wide Web at

<<http://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/classification/weeklylists/>>

Janis L. Young and Libby Dechman, senior cataloging policy specialists in the Policy and Standards Division, are responsible for coordinating the overall intellectual and editorial content of class G. The Library of Congress Geography & Map Division oversees the content of the atlases and maps portions of subclass G as well as the geographic Cutter number tables. Kent Griffiths and Ethel Tillman, assistant editors of classification schedules, create index terms for new classification captions and maintain the master database of classification records.

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