

PREFACE

The first edition of subclass KZ, *Law of Nations*, was published in 1997 as an experimental draft edition. Together with its companion subclass, JZ, *International relations*, it replaced the former subclass JX, *International law*. A revised 1998 edition of KZ resolved various issues identified by the Library of Congress and other institutions during the first year of application of the schedule. KZ was again published in 2007, cumulating additions and changes since 1998. A 2011 edition was published and included a new development for international criminal law in KZ7000-KZ7500 with a focus on the International Criminal Court (ICC). Beginning in 2015, editions were published annually. This 2020 edition cumulates all the changes since the 2019 edition.

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