

## PREFACE

The first edition of the standardized tables used in class P was published in 1982, and a revised edition was published in 1998. An edition published in 2004 cumulated all changes that were made to the tables from 1998-May 2004. For that edition, many of the tables were restructured and many new tables were created in order to facilitate the automatic calculation and display of numbers and captions in *Classification Web*, the online version of the Library of Congress Classification available on the World Wide Web. A 2006 edition cumulated changes made from May 2004-July 2006. For that edition, some of the tables for individual authors, such as Tables P-PZ39, P-PZ40, and P-PZ44, were revised in order to reduce complexity and simplify shelflisting subarrangments. An updated edition was issued in 2010, with editions issued annually beginning in 2015. This 2020 edition cumulates changes that have been made since the 2019 edition.

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

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