617   HIERARCHICAL GEOGRAPHICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT

Field Definition

This field contains a structured access point for places relating to the subject of the item.

Occurrence

Optional. Repeatable.

Indicators

Indicator 1: blank (not defined)

Indicator 2: blank (not defined)

Subfields

$a   Country (Nation State)

Country. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

$b   State or Province, etc.

First-order political jurisdiction below a country. Not repeatable

$c   Intermediate Political Jurisdiction.

Second-order or lower political jurisdiction, but not including cities, etc. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

$d   City, etc.

The name of a city, town, commune, village or other distinct populated area not defined as a subsection of a larger one (see $k). Not repeatable.

$e   Venue.

Named buildings, urban spaces, vehicles, etc. Repeatable. (EX 4-6, 8, 9)

$f   Date

Repeatable if more performance dates have to be recorded. The date must be standardized according to ISO 8601, and may include time and period formats. (EX 4-9)

$g   Season. Not repeatable (EX 4)

$h   Occasion. Not repeatable (EX 6, 8, 9)

$i   Final date. Not repeatable (EX 9)

$k   Subsection of City, etc.

Smaller unit within a populated place, e.g. boroughs, neighbourhoods, streets. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest. (EX 11-13)

$m   Other Geographical Regions or Features

Terrestrial non-jurisdictional geographic entities, e.g. oceans, islands, mountains, etc. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

$n   Extraterrestrial Areas

Any extraterrestrial entity or space, and the geographic features of such entities. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

$o   Geographical areas such as world, hemisphere, continent: larger area than country. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest. This subfield will normally appear first in any field where it is used (EX 10).

$2   System Code

The source of the terms used for subfields $a – $d and $k – $n when taken from a published gazetteer or thesaurus, etc. The codes in *MARC Code Lists for Relators, Sources, Description Conventions* are recommended. If no code is available, an abbreviation of the full title of the source may be used. Mandatory if applicable. Not repeatable.

$3   Authority Record Number

The control number for the authority record for the heading. This subfield is for use with *UNIMARC/Authorities*. Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

The content of this field may be in hierarchical form, e.g., Country, Province, County, City; or it may be in non-hierarchical form, e.g., City alone, depending both on institutional practice and the fulness of the provenance information available.

Subfields $a, $c, $k, $m, $n and $o are repeatable when the terms are taken from a thesaurus or gazetteer which uses multiple levels, for example $oAmericas$oNorth America$aCanada. When used, $e will normally be the last-cited alphabetic subfield.

For subfield $2 System Code, if no approved code for the thesaurus, etc., exists, abbreviate its name using ISO 4:1997 – *Rules for the abbreviation of title words and titles of publications.*

Related Fields

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This field contains data entered according to the provisions of the system of subject headings used, including topical, geographical and chronological subdivisions.

Examples

EX 1 – 6 are taken from the examples in 607 for comparison, with some additions

EX 1:   617 ##$aEurope
        617 ##$aEurope$aWestern Europe

EX 2:   617 ##$aGreat Britain

EX 3:   617 ##$aUnited Kingdom$bEngland$cDevon$dExmouth

EX 4:   617 ##$dRome (Ancient)

EX 5:   617 ##$aUnited States
        617 ##$aCanada

EX 6:   617 ##$aEurope

EX 7:   617 ##$dBaghdad

EX 8:   617 ##$aAsia$mHimalaya$mCentral Nepal Himalaya$mKhumbu Range$mMakalu
        $2pemracs

        From: Peakbagger.com Mountain Range Classification System

EX 9:   617 ##$bNorth Carolina$cSwain$mGreat Smoky Mountains National Park$2gnis

        From: U.S. Geological Survey Geographic Names Information System.

        Note: neither 'pemacs' nor 'gnis' is registered as a MARC code yet, but 'tgn' is valid.