IGS use of ISO Geographical Names Policy

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As of May 2020, the International GNSS Service (IGS) uses the *International Organization for Standards (ISO) standard "ISO 3166: Country Codes"* for geographical names. More information about this standard is available on the ISO website: https://www.iso.org/iso-3166-country-codes.html

Location names shall use the English short name lower case format. All names and codes may be found here https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search

For example:

Alpha-2 code	US
Short name	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Short name lower case	United States of America (the)
Full name	the United States of America
Alpha-3 code	USA

Alpha-2 code	CZ
Short name	CZECHIA
Short name lower case	Czechia
Full name	the Czech Republic
Alpha-3 code	CZE

At this time, there is one exception: the ISO standard name "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)" is too long to fit in the current IGS ASCII site log format of 80-character line lengths. IGS SLM 2.0 will include the capability to accommodate longer entries (and thus the full name of every country), but until the IGS SLM 2.0 improvements are released, the IGS Network Coordinator asks station operators to continue to use "United Kingdom".

Alpha-2 code	GB
Short name	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
Short name lower case	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)
Full name	the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Alpha-3 code	GBR

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