



STANDARD AUSTRALIAN CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (SACC)

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REVISION 2.01

This notice provides advice of revisions to the *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)*, (Cat. no. 1269.0) with regard to East Timor, Macau and Taiwan. The date of effect of these revisions is 21 December 1999.

EAST TIMOR

The Australian Government no longer considers East Timor to be part of Indonesia. Indonesian sovereignty in East Timor ceased with the passage of UN Security Council Resolution 1272 establishing the UN Transitional Administration in East Timor. East Timor is now recognised as a 'Non-self governing territory under United Nations transitional authority'.

This political development necessitates a number of amendments to the SACC. These amendments have been made using the method outlined on page 14 of the Introduction of the SACC publication:

"Because of political change in the world, it may be necessary from time to time to add countries to, or delete countries from, the classification. If a country needs to be added to the classification, it will be allocated the next available four-digit code of the minor group to which it is being added."

East Timor is, therefore, separately identified as a third or country level unit in Minor Group 52, Maritime South-East Asia within Major Group 5, South-East Asia. It is not considered necessary to change the code for Indonesia or the way it is represented in the classification.

The revised structure for Minor Group 52, Maritime South-East Asia is as follows:

52	Maritime South-East Asia
5201	Brunei Darussalam
5202	Indonesia
5203	Malaysia
5204	Philippines
5205	Singapore
5206	East Timor

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EAST TIMOR *continued*

As well as affecting the structure of the SACC, the separate identification of East Timor will necessitate amendments to the coding indexes and concordances included in the SACC publication. Details of these amendments are given below.

As outlined on page 22 of the Introduction of the SACC publication, the SACC classification units have been assigned the 3-digit numeric codes, and 2 and 3 character alpha codes of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to enable use of the classification in circumstances where a 3-digit numeric code or alpha codes are more expedient. The relevant ISO codes for East Timor are numeric code 626, alpha-2 code TP, alpha-3 code TMP. However, to reinforce the SACC as an Australian statistical standard, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) urges the use of the standard 4-digit classification codes wherever possible.

MACAU

The ABS has been advised by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade that Macau will revert to China on 20 December 1999 and should be referred to as 'Macau (SAR of China)' from that date. In this instance, the letters 'SAR' stand for Special Administrative Region. Macau will continue to be separately identified in the SACC, rather than being subsumed under China. This is consistent with the treatment of Hong Kong when it reverted to China in July 1997.

The name of the country level unit 6103, Macau is therefore amended to 'Macau (SAR of China)'. This name change does not affect any other aspect of the SACC structure. It will be carried forward into the concordances, indexes, etc. as necessary. Details of necessary amendments are given below.

TAIWAN

Under the terms of Australia's recognition of the People's Republic of China in 1972, Australia acknowledges the position of the Chinese Government that Taiwan is a province of China. However, the ABS has been advised by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade that it is not necessary to describe Taiwan as 'Taiwan (Province of China)' in ABS publications. This nomenclature may be offensive to some individuals and has the potential to create commercial difficulties.

The name of the country level unit 6105, Taiwan (Province of China) is therefore amended to the common usage term 'Taiwan'. This name change does not imply any change in Australia's policy on the recognition of the People's Republic of China as set out above. Neither does it affect any other aspect of the SACC structure. It will be carried forward into the concordances, indexes, etc. as necessary. Details of necessary amendments are given below.

TAIWAN *continued*

Following the above name changes, the structure of Minor Group 61, Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia) is as follows:

61 Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia)

6101	China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province)
6102	Hong Kong (SAR of China)
6103	Macau (SAR of China)
6104	Mongolia
6105	Taiwan

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE SACC

The amendments detailed in this publication will be incorporated into all electronic versions of the SACC. For instance, they will be included in electronic versions purchased on floppy disk (Cat. no. 1269.0.15.001) and will be included in the SACC to be found in the *Statistical Concepts Library* (Cat. no. 1361.0.30.001) on the ABS Website, and to be released on CD-ROM in early 2000. Users who have purchased the SACC in paper format will need to manually alter their copy of the publication. Users who have incorporated the SACC in their own data systems are requested to make the required changes to these systems as soon as practicable.

DETAILS OF REVISION 2.01 AMENDMENTS

The following amendments have been made to the SACC.

INTRODUCTION

- Main Classification Structure The number of third-level units (countries) has been revised to 245. One unit was added (East Timor). (Page 12.)
- Standard Code Scheme Delete '(Province of China)' from country level unit 6105, Taiwan (Province of China) under 0601, Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC). It should read '6105, Taiwan'. (Page 15.)
- Links to ISO Codes The last paragraph of this section gives East Timor as an example of an entity which the UN has allocated a separate code but which is not separately identified in the SACC. East Timor is no longer a relevant example of this situation. (Page 23.)

MAIN CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

Add the country level unit 5206, East Timor to Minor Group 52, Maritime South-East Asia. (Page 32.)

Add '(SAR of China)' to the title of the country level unit 6103, Macau under Minor Group 61, Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia). The name of the country level unit becomes 'Macau (SAR of China)'. (Page 33.)

Delete '(Province of China)' from the title of the country level unit 6105, Taiwan (Province of China) under Minor Group 61, Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia). The name of the country level unit becomes 'Taiwan'. (Page 33.)

ALTERNATIVE COUNTRY GROUPINGS

Delete '(Province of China)' from the title of country level unit 6105, Taiwan (Province of China) under 0601, Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC). (Page 37.)

APPENDIX 2: CONCORDANCE SACC TO ASCCSS

Alter country level unit 4103, Indonesia in the ASCCSS column to read '4103, Indonesia (part—excludes East Timor)'. (Page 56.)

Add the country level unit 5206, East Timor to Minor Group 52, Maritime South-East Asia in the SACC column. The corresponding entry in the ASCCSS column should read '4103, Indonesia (part)'. (Page 56.)

APPENDIX 2: CONCORDANCE SACC TO ASCCSS *continued*

The concordance becomes:

SACC		ASCSS	
52	Maritime South-East Asia	41	Southeast Asia (part)
5201	Brunei Darussalam	4101	Brunei
5202	Indonesia	4103	Indonesia (part—excludes East Timor)
5203	Malaysia	4105	Malaysia
5204	Philippines	4107	Philippines
5205	Singapore	4108	Singapore
5206	East Timor	4103	Indonesia (part)

Add '(SAR of China)' to the title of the country level unit 6103, Macau under Minor Group 61, Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia) in the SACC column. (Page 57.)

Delete '(Province of China)' from the title of the country level unit 6105, Taiwan (Province of China) under Minor Group 61, Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia) in the SACC column. (Page 57.)

APPENDIX 3: CONCORDANCE ASCCSS TO SACC

Add country level unit 5206, East Timor below 5202, Indonesia in the SACC column so that the ASCCSS unit 4103, Indonesia concurs with the aggregate of the SACC units Indonesia and East Timor. (Page 68.)

The concordance becomes:

ASCSS		SACC	
41	Southeast Asia	51	Mainland South-East Asia
		52	Maritime South-East Asia
4101	Brunei	5201	Brunei Darussalam
4102	Cambodia	5102	Cambodia
4103	Indonesia	5202	Indonesia
		5206	East Timor
4104	Laos	5103	Laos

Add '(SAR of China)' to the title of the country level unit 6103, Macau in the SACC column. (Page 69.)

Delete '(Province of China)' from the title of the country level unit 6105, Taiwan (Province of China) in the SACC column. (Page 69.)

APPENDIX 4: CODING INDEX FOR POPULATION STATISTICS—ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Delete:

Page no.	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	SACC CODE	ASCCSS CODE	ALPHA-2	ISO CODES ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
84	East Timor	5202	4103	ID	IDN	360
96	Portuguese Timor	5202	4103	ID	IDN	360
101	Timor	5202	4103	ID	IDN	360

Add:

Page no.	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	SACC CODE	ASCCSS CODE	ALPHA-2	ISO CODES ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
84	East Timor	5206	4103	TP	TMP	626
96	Portuguese Timor	5206	4103	TP	TMP	626
101	Timor	5206	4103	TP	TMP	626

Add '**(SAR of China)**' to the index entry **Macau**. (page 91.)

Delete '**(Province of China)**' from index entry **Taiwan (Province of China)**. Delete non-bold index entry for Taiwan thus leaving a single bold entry for **Taiwan**. (Page 100.)

APPENDIX 5: CODING INDEX FOR POPULATION STATISTICS—NUMERICAL ORDER

Delete:

Page no.	SACC CODE	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	ASCCSS CODE	ALPHA-2	ISO CODES ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
124	5202	East Timor	4103	ID	IDN	360
125	5202	Portuguese Timor	4103	ID	IDN	360
125	5202	Timor	4103	ID	IDN	360

Add:

Page no.	SACC CODE	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	ASCCSS CODE	ALPHA-2	ISO CODES ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
124	5206	East Timor	4103	TP	TMP	626
125	5206	Portuguese Timor	4103	TP	TMP	626
125	5206	Timor	4103	TP	TMP	626

APPENDIX 5: CODING INDEX FOR POPULATION STATISTICS—NUMERICAL ORDER *continued*

Add '(SAR of China)' to the index entry **6103, Macau**. (page 126.)

Delete '(Province of China)' from the index entry **6105, Taiwan (Province of China)**. Delete non-bold index entry for 6105, Taiwan thus leaving a single bold entry for **6105, Taiwan**. (Page 126.)

APPENDIX 6: CODING INDEX FOR ECONOMIC STATISTICS—ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Add:

Page no.	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	SACC CODE	ASCCSS CODE	ALPHA-2	ISO CODES ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
139	East Timor	5206	4103	TP	TMP	626

Add '(SAR of China)' to the index entry Macau. (Page 140.)

Delete '(Province of China)' from index entry Taiwan (Province of China). (Page 143.)

APPENDIX 7: CODING INDEX FOR ECONOMIC STATISTICS—NUMERICAL ORDER

Add:

Page no.	SACC CODE	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	ASCCSS CODE	ALPHA-2	ISO CODES ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
151	5206	East Timor	4103	TP	TMP	626

Add '(SAR of China)' to the index entry 6103, Macau. (Page 151.)

Delete '(Province of China)' from index entry 6105, Taiwan (Province of China). (Page 151.)

APPENDIX 8: CONCORDANCE SACC TO UN STANDARD COUNTRY OR AREA CODES FOR STATISTICAL USE

Delete 626, East Timor (under 360, Indonesia) in UN Classification column. (Page 160.)

Add country level unit 5206, East Timor to the SACC column under Minor group 52, Maritime South-East Asia. Add corresponding entry in the UN Classification column for 626, East Timor. (Page 160.)

Add '(SAR of China)' to country level unit 6103, Macau in the SACC column. (Page 161.)

APPENDIX 8: CONCORDANCE SACC TO UN STANDARD COUNTRY OR AREA CODES FOR STATISTICAL USE
continued

Delete '(Province of China)' from country level unit 6105, Taiwan (Province of China) in the SACC column. (Page 161.)

APPENDIX 9: SHORT NAMES FOR PUBLICATION

Add entry on page 170 for country level unit East Timor, as follows:

NAME	15-CHARACTER	30-CHARACTER
East Timor	East Timor	East Timor

Add '(SAR of China)' to Macau entry on page 171, as follows:

NAME	15-CHARACTER	30-CHARACTER
Macau (SAR of China)	Macau	Macau (SAR of China)

Delete '(Province of China)' from Taiwan (Province of China) entry on page 173, as follows:

NAME	15-CHARACTER	30-CHARACTER
Taiwan	Taiwan	Taiwan

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