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INTRODUCTION

This notice provides details of revisions to the *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)*, cat. no. 1269.0, with regard to the newly independent republics of Serbia and of Montenegro; updates to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and UN Classification codes, and the emphasising of valid code options for some supplementary codes. The date of effect of these revisions is 22 January 2007.

This is the third revision to the classification since its release in 1998.

Revision 2.01 (21 December 1999) dealt with the cessation of Indonesian sovereignty in East Timor, the reversion of Macau to China, and the name to be used for 'Taiwan'.

Revision 2.02 (5 April 2004) covered the establishment of the state of 'Serbia and Montenegro'; ISO coding for East Timor; the removal of the 'Not Elsewhere Classified' supplementary code, as well as five changes to Alternative Country Groupings.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

REPUBLICS OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

A majority of Montenegrins voted for independence from the state of Serbia and Montenegro in a referendum on 21 May 2006. On 3 June the Montenegrin Parliament adopted a declaration of independence, commencing the transition process for official dissolution of the state union of Serbia and Montenegro. On 5 June the Serbian Parliament voted to declare the Serbian Republic's independence and assumed the powers and obligations as successor of the former state union of Serbia and Montenegro.

Australia acknowledged the Republic of Serbia as the continuing entity of the former state union, and on 27 June 2006 recognized Montenegro as an independent republic.

Montenegro became the 192nd member of the United Nations on 28 June. Subsequently, the UN and ISO issued alpha and numeric codes for the separate republics of Montenegro and Serbia.

The SACC has been modified to reflect these changes. New entries 3214, Montenegro and 3215, Serbia have been added at the country level in Minor Group 32, South Eastern Europe within Major Group 3, Southern and Eastern Europe.

The country level unit 3213, Serbia and Montenegro, has been removed from the classification structure. Serbia and Montenegro, nfd has been included as supplementary code 0921.

Following the incorporation of the separate republics of Montenegro and Serbia in the SACC, the revised structure of Minor Group 32, South Eastern Europe is as follows:

- 32 South Eastern Europe
 - 3201 Albania
 - 3202 Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - 3203 Bulgaria
 - 3204 Croatia
 - 3205 Cyprus
 - 3206 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)
 - 3207 Greece
 - 3208 Moldova
 - 3211 Romania
 - 3212 Slovenia
 - 3214 Montenegro
 - 3215 Serbia

SUMMARY OF CHANGES *continued*

OTHER CHANGES TO CLASSIFICATION AND ISO CODING

Aland (generally referred to as the Aland Islands) is an autonomous province of Finland. The ISO has recently changed its alpha and numeric codes for Aland Islands and these new codes are now reflected in the SACC.

Other ISO coding changes relate to entries and variants of:

- Gaza Strip and West Bank
- Guernsey
- Isle of Man
- Jersey
- Romania

VALID CODE OPTIONS FOR OUTPUT

The issue of supplementary codes and their valid output is discussed on page 23 of the SACC, under 'Editing Specifications'.

In this revision, output codes for all 'Supplementary Codes for Former Countries and Other Geographic Entities' have been included (see Appendix 1 - Supplementary Codes in Details of Revision 2.03 Amendments section, below).

Supplementary codes that can be definitively output to a specific Minor Group, have been. Those that cross Major Group boundaries (such as Former USSR, nfd) are allocated to Inadequately Described (0000).

DETAILS OF REVISION 2.03 AMENDMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Main Classification Structure

The number of country (third-level units) has increased from 245 in Revision 2.02 to 246. (Page 12.) Serbia and Montenegro (3213) was removed and the country level units Montenegro (3214) and Serbia (3215) were added.

Supplementary Codes

At the end of the section sub-titled Supplementary Codes for Former Countries and other Geographic Entities (page 18), add the following paragraph:

The 'Supplementary Codes for Former Countries and Other Geographic Entities' table (page 49) has been broadened to indicate the flexibility to output to a higher level of the classification structure, if desired. It displays an 'input' option (09..) and a classification 'output' valid code option (see also comments on page 23-4).

Coding Index

After the word 'acronyms' on page 21, insert:

(for example, US for United States of America)

Editing Specifications

At point starting 'code 0913' on page 24, remove all text and insert:

codes 0913 and 0921: Former Yugoslavia, nfd, and Serbia and Montenegro, nfd, respectively, are in the valid code range for Minor Group 32, South Eastern Europe (see Appendix 1); and

MAIN CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

Major groups, minor groups and countries

Delete country level unit 3213, Serbia and Montenegro, from Minor Group 32, South Eastern Europe. (Page 31.)

Add country level unit 3214, Montenegro to Minor Group 32, South Eastern Europe. (Page 31.)

Add country level unit 3215, Serbia to Minor Group 32, South Eastern Europe. (Page 31.)

DETAILS OF REVISION 2.03 AMENDMENTS *continued*

APPENDIX 1: Add 0921, Serbia and Montenegro, nfd and output codes as specified below to the
 SUPPLEMENTARY CODES 'Supplementary Codes for Former Countries and other Geographic Entities' list (page 49):

<i>Input</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Output</i>
0901	New South Wales	1101
0902	Victoria	1101
0903	Queensland	1101
0904	South Australia	1101
0905	Western Australia	1101
0906	Tasmania	1101
0907	Northern Territory	1101
0908	Australian Capital Territory	1101
0909	Other Territories (Ninth State)	1101
0911	Europe, nfd	0000
0912	Former USSR, nfd	0000
0913	Former Yugoslavia, nfd	3200
0914	Czechoslovakia, nfd	3200
0915	Kurdistan, nfd	4200
0916	East Asia, nfd	0000
0917	Asia, nfd	0000
0918	Africa, nfd	0000
0921	Serbia and Montenegro, nfd	3200

APPENDIX 2: Delete (page 55):
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 ASCSS

3213	Serbia and Montenegro	2233	Former Yugoslav Republics of Serbia and Montenegro
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Add (page 55):

3214	Montenegro	2233	Former Yugoslav Republics of Serbia and Montenegro (part)
3215	Serbia	2233	Former Yugoslav Republics of Serbia and Montenegro (part)

DETAILS OF REVISION 2.03 AMENDMENTS *continued*

APPENDIX 3:
CONCORDANCE - ASCCSS
TO SACC

Delete 3213 Serbia and Montenegro from the SACC column. (Page 66):

2233 Former Yugoslav Republics of Serbia and Montenegro 3213 Serbia and Montenegro

Add 3214 Montenegro and 3215 Serbia in its place:

2233 Former Yugoslav Republics of Serbia and Montenegro 3214 Montenegro
3215 Serbia

APPENDIX 4: CODING
INDEX FOR POPULATION
STATISTICS - ALPHABETICAL
ORDER

Delete:

Page No.	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	SACC CODE	ASCSS CODE	ISO CODES		
				ALPHA-2	ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
77	Aland	2407	2407	SE	SWE	752

Add:

Page No.	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	SACC CODE	ASCSS CODE	ISO CODES		
				ALPHA-2	ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
77	Aland	2403	2403	AX	ALA	248

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Page No.	COUNTRY DESCRIPTION	SACC CODE	ASCSS CODE	ISO CODES		
				ALPHA-2	ALPHA-3	NUMERIC
86	Gaza Strip	4202	3102	YR	YRJ	274
86	Gaza Strip and West Bank	4202	3100	YR	YRJ	274
95	Palestine	4202	3100	YR	YRJ	274
103	West Bank	4202	3115	YR	YRJ	274

