
**Codes for the representation of names
of countries and their subdivisions —**

**Part 2:
Country subdivision code**

*Codes pour la représentation des noms de pays et de leurs
subdivisions —*

Partie 2: Code pour les subdivisions de pays





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