Codelist Maintenance: the Brazilian Experience

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• Brazilian codelist overview
• Errors we should avoid
• Maintenance Group advantages
• Perspectives for 2020
• **Codelist situation in 2015 (Release 2014/2):** 2205 entries

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• **Work done since NFP nomination:**
  • 254 code deletions, including:
    • 71 locations that don’t exist
    • 75 non-mnemonic codes (e.g. BR LTE for Rolante)
    • 26 codes with digits (e.g. BR AL2 for Alecirm)
  • 224 codes created (195 users DMRs; 29 NFP DMRs)
  • 66 entries modified (spelling, subdivision, functions, coordinates)
  • 44 DMRs rejected

• **Current Situation (Release 2019/1):** 2175 entries

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Errors we should avoid

• **Most common errors from requesters:**
  • Incorrect use of function 6 (ICD, multimodal transport)
  • “One use code” x Ongoing use location
  • Places that aren’t locations for the UN/LOCODE purposes (e.g. port terminals, farms, industrial plants, ...)

• **Errors committed by NFPs:**
  • Changing widely known codes for important locations:
    • São Paulo: BR SAO → BR SPO → BR SAO
    • Rio de Janeiro: BR RIO → BR RJO → BR RIO
  • Changing codes considering only national IT systems:
    • Port of Pecém: BR PEC → BR PCE → BR PEC
Maintenance Group advantages

• Better comprehension of the private sector needs:
  • Small locations can be part of international trade too

• Opportunity to clarify UN/LOCODE maintenance rules to the private sector
  • Location definition
  • Functions
  • Naming rules
  • Code rules

• Online evaluation of more complex cases
  • Especially important when there’s no NFP assigned for the concerned country
  • Massive changes
Perspectives for 2020

• Revision of all entries that have function 1
  • 88 entries with status <> AA to be revised
  • Golden rule: do not change codes for the biggest ports
  • Additional goal: identify which locations have inland ports, whose function shall be changed from 1 to 8

• ATTENTION! Harmonization implies choosing: in case of code duplications or code conflicts between different databases (LOCODE x IMO x Customs systems), only one code will remain

• Code reuse may still happen: 1630 entries were never validated before
Thank you!

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