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### *CODES FOR TYPES OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT*

list

#### I. PREAMBLE

The United Nations, through its Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), supports activities dedicated to improving the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, from developed, developing and transitional economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively. Its principal focus is on facilitating national and international transactions, through the simplification and harmonisation of processes, procedures and information flows, and so contribute to the growth of global commerce.<sup>1</sup>

The UN/CEFACT work-program emphasises the need for developing recommendations, which simplify and harmonize the current practices and procedures used in international transactions. Within this context, the role of the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG) is to secure the quality, relevance and availability of code sets and code structures to support the objectives of UN/CEFACT, including managing the maintenance of UN/ECE Recommendations related to codes. The ICG prepared this latest revision of the code list for Recommendation 28.

The attached revision supersedes and replaces the code list released with the second revision of Recommendation 28 (CEFACT/ICG/2007/IC003) approved by the ICG, in April 2007.

#### II. CODE LIST PRESENTATION

1. The code list is presented with the following columns:

##### Change indicator (CI)

An indication of the maintenance status of individual entries in the code list.

a plus sign (+) Added. New means of transport code added in this release of the code list

a hash sign (#) Changed name. Name of the means of transport code changed in this release of the code list

a vertical bar (!) Changed description. Description of the means of transport code changed in this release of the code

a letter X (X) Marked as deleted. Code entries marked as deleted will be retained indefinitely in the code lists. When appropriate, these entries may subsequently be reinstated via the maintenance process

an equals sign (=) Reinstated. Code entries previously marked as deleted and reinstated in this release of the code list

##### Mode (M)

Mode of transport code as defined in Recommendation 19 (Codes for Modes of Transport), in particular:

- 1 Maritime transport
- 2 Rail transport
- 3 Road transport
- 4 Air transport
- 6 Multimodal transport
- 7 Fixed transport installation
- 8 Inland water transport

##### Code

3 character alphanumeric code value comprising characters 0 to 9 and upper case A to Z.

In certain instances the code value itself may be structured, where the lead character(s) represent the general description and where the subordinate or sub-type specific descriptions are represented by code entries with a further trailing character. For example, in maritime transport the code value "50" represents "General cargo vessel", whilst "501" is a subordinate code entry that represents "Grain vessel".

For ease of reference, certain code values are shown in two parts (e.g. "50 1". In use, the code value should be a single value with no imbedded space characters (e.g. "501")

##### Code name

The name of the means of transport code

##### Code description

A plain text specification of the named means of transport code, not exceeding 350 characters in length and in English

<sup>1</sup> From the mission statement of UN/CEFACT

2. For air transport (mode of transport = 4), the codes

for types of means of transport are specified in the IATA (International Air Transport Association) publication Standard Schedules Information Manual (SSIM) under the section "ATA/IATA Aircraft Types". The referenced codes cover all aircraft that are flown, or are soon to be flown, for commercial scheduled or chartered services only, or have been announced by the manufacturer and for which airline orders have been placed.

Further information is available from:

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### III. MAINTENANCE AND UPDATING

3. Recommendation 28 is maintained on behalf of UN/CEFACT by the by the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG).

4. Proposals for updating this Recommendation should be addressed to the Trade Facilitation Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland or by email to:

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5. Draft revisions to the body text and/or code list of this Recommendation shall be issued by the ICG when required and shall be made available on the ICG Web site listed at:

**<http://www.uncefactforum.org/ICG>**

6. Draft revisions shall be subject to a public comment period of at least two months. UN/CEFACT Heads of Delegation shall be notified of the availability of a draft revision and the period for comment. Following the conclusion of the comment period, the ICG shall address all comments received. Depending on the comments received, the ICG shall issue a new draft edition for comment or shall prepare a final edition for approval.

7. Final revisions to the body text of this Recommendation shall be approved by the UN/CEFACT Plenary and shall be made available on the UN/CEFACT Web site:

**<http://www.unece.org/cefact>**

8. Final revisions to the code lists of this Recommendation shall be approved by the ICG Plenary and notified to the UN/CEFACT Plenary. These revisions shall be made available on the UN/CEFACT Web site.

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