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Foreword

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Chinese ancient and modern place name data description specification

1 Scope

This standard specifies the composition, data structure description, core elements of the data and description rules for the description of ancient and modern place names in China.

This standard is applicable to data format specification control and database establishment in the data format exchange of ancient and modern place names in China.

2 Normative references

The following documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated reference documents, only the dated version applies to this article. For undated references, the latest version (including all amendments) applies to this document.

GB/T 18521-2001 Geographical name classification and classification code compilation rules

3 Terms and definitions

The following terms and definitions apply to this document.

Place name

The proper name given to each geographic entity by people.

Note: Adapted from GB/T 17693.1-2008, definition 2.1.

Standard place name

It is written in a standardized language and the full name of the place is officially recognized.

Note: Adapted from GB/T 18521-2001, definition 3.3.

Place name abbreviation A simple appellation of a place name that is officially recognized or agreed upon.

Note: Adapted from GB/T 18521-2001, definition 3.4.

Place name alias

The standard name of a geographic entity and other current names other than its abbreviation.

Note: Adapted from GB/T 18521-2001, definition 3.5.

Present place name

Place names currently in use.

Note 1: Adapted from GB/T 18521-2001, definition 3.6.

Note 2: Also called "present place name".

Historical place names Ancient place names Place names that have been used in the past but are no longer used.

Note: Adapted from GB/T 18521-2001, definition 3.7.