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1 CONTROLLED LIST STANDARD

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Application

This document contains the formatting and values for the ISB Controlled List Standard **Geographical Unit Type**.

This Controlled List is referred to by the **Geographical_Unit_Type** attribute of the **Geographical Unit** entity, which is defined within the **Geographical Unit Business Data Standard**.

This Controlled List is considered to be one that a User might pick a value from, for example "Church of England Parish", "Enumeration district" or "County".

1.1.2 Compatibility with non-ISB standards

There are no known compatibility issues related to this standard.

2 CONTROLLED LIST DESCRIPTION

The following table contains the definition of the name of the controlled list together with a description that explains what it is about. It also contains the definition of the Data Type and Format of the values.

Controlled List Name: update	
Description	A controlled list of values that identifies the GEOGRAPHICAL UNIT TYPE. Values include "Church of England Diocese", "Roman Catholic Parish", "County", "Output Area", "School Place Planning Area".
Data Type and Format	Unicode_String(1,50)

3 CONTROLLED LIST

The following table contains the list of permissible values for the attribute together with a short description and the source of the value, where relevant.

Value	Description	Source
Church of England Diocese	The diocese as recognised by the Church of England	CBDS
Church of England Parish	The parish as recognised by the Church of England	CBDS
Enumeration district	Census derived enumeration districts as recognised by the ONS. The enumeration district is an amalgam of various types of Admin Unit i.e. county, ward and various combinations of Internal UK Country.	ONS / CBDS Latest being the '1991 Census Enumeration Districts'
Roman Catholic Diocese	The diocese as recognised by the Roman Catholic church.	CBDS
Roman Catholic Parish	The parish as recognised by the Roman Catholic church.	CBDS
County	A county is the higher level of the two-tier administration structure that exists across England and Wales, except for the Isles of Scilly, Greater London and Metropolitan Counties.	ONS
Westminster Parliamentary Constituency	The parliamentary constituency as recognised by the ONS	ONS / Edubase
ONS Country	Country as defined by the ONS which includes internal countries but also Great Britain; England and Wales, etc	ONS / Inspire

Country	A sovereign state, for example United Kingdom, France, etc.	ISO / ONS / Inspire
Civil Parish	A 'civil parish' or 'parish' is the smallest type of administrative area in England.	ONS
Metropolitan District	A single tier administration unit, which was formerly the lower level of a two tier administration structure before the abolition of Metropolitan Counties in 1986.	ONS / Inspire
Unitary Authority	Is a single-tier administration with responsibility for all areas of local government.	ONS / Inspire
Non-metropolitan District	A non-metropolitan district is the lower level of the two-tier administration structure that exists across England and Wales, except for the Isles of Scilly, Greater London and Metropolitan Counties.	ONS: Non-metropolitan district / Inspire
Council Area	A Unitary Authority responsible for local government administration in Scotland.	ONS / Inspire
Local Enterprise Partnership	An area within the remit of a Local Enterprise Partnership between Local Authorities and businesses.	ONS / Consultation
Local Authority	The Local Authority responsible for the delivery of education, skills and children's services; includes London Boroughs; Unitary Authorities; Counties and Metropolitan Districts.	ONS / Consultation

London Borough	A London Borough is a type of Local Authority that is similar to a Metropolitan District however it exists within a two-tier administration.	ONS / Consultation
Region	<p>An area which is now a primary classification for the presentation of statistics but was formerly associated with a Government Office of the Regions (GOR) up to their abolition in 2011.</p> <p>The Regional and Geography Committee of the Government Statistical Service have agreed that from 1 April 2011, the former GORs should be simply referred to as 'Regions'.</p>	ONS / Consultation
Super Output Area, Lower Layer	An LSOA is an area built up from groups of Output Areas, designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics.	ONS, Consultation
Super Output Area, Middle Layer	An MSOA is an area built up from groups of LSOAs, designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics	ONS, Consultation
School Place Planning Area	A geographical area used in school capacity planning (SCAP).	DfE, EFA
OLASS Unit of Procurement	An essentially geographical area defined by the Offenders' Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) for the purposes of grouping service delivery locations.	Skills Funding Agency

Postcode	A UK "postcode unit" of variable length. Usually corresponds to a limited number of addresses or a single large delivery point.	Royal Mail
Electoral Ward/Division	An electoral ward or division or area.	ONS
Regional Schools Commissioner Region	A region associated with the remit of a Regional Schools Commissioner	DfE
NUTS 1	Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics Level 1 Code.	ONS / European Union
NUTS 2	Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics Level 2 Code	ONS / European Union
NUTS 3	Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics Level 3 Code	ONS / European Union
LAU 1	Local Administrative Unit, Level 1 Code (formerly NUTS Level 4)	ONS / European Union
LAU 2	Local Administrative Unit, Level 2 Code (formerly NUTS Level 5)	ONS / European Union
Skills Funding Agency Area	A regional area defined by the Skills Funding Agency, built up from Local Enterprise Partnerships	Skills Funding Agency
Output Area	An output area (OA) created for Census data, specifically for the output of census estimates.	ONS
Children's Centre Area	The catchment area of a Children's Centre	Local Authorities

4 CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS VERSION

The following new values have been added:

- Super Output Area, Middle Layer
- School Place Planning Area
- OLASS Unit of Procurement
- Postcode
- Electoral Ward/Division
- Regional Schools Commissioner Region
- NUTS1
- NUTS2
- NUTS3
- LAU1
- LAU2
- Skills Funding Agency Area
- Output Area
- Civil Parish
- London Borough
- ONS Country
- Children's Centre Area

The following changes to existing values have been made:

- Parliamentary Constituency has been renamed Westminster Parliamentary Constituency for clarity and consistency with ONS.
- The definition of Country has changed significantly, formerly it was defined as "The country (e.g. England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland)" now it has been clarified that a Country refers to a sovereign state such as the United Kingdom, France, Germany etc. This is consistent with the use of Country elsewhere in the Business Data Architecture.
- District – renamed Non-metropolitan District to be consistent with ONS and distinguish from Metropolitan District
- Council – renamed Council Area to clarify that it refers to the Scottish administrative area
- Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Authorities have both been made singular – Local Enterprise Partnership and Local Authority – to be consistent with other controlled list values
- Government Regions – renamed Region, to be singular which is consistent with other controlled list values and to be consistent with ONS guidance that the former Government Regions should now be known as Regions
- Lower Super Output Area – renamed Super Output Area, Lower Layer to be consistent with ONS terminology

The following value has been deleted:

- Town – this value has been deleted because there is no ONS definition of Town and it is normally part of a postal address, rather than a geographical area in its own right. In some places, a Civil Parish Council might be known as a "Town Council", but in this case Civil Parish is the applicable geographical unit.

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In addition, a number of other definitions have been expanded or clarified, but without changing the existing intended meaning of the controlled list value.

5 REFERENCES

The following references are specific to this Controlled List Standard:

- ESCS ISB Business Data Architecture Entity Relationship Diagram, version 8.01
- ESCS ISB, Business Data Standard, Geographical Unit

The following references apply to all Controlled List Standards:

- ESCS ISB Standards Overview and Context
- ESCS ISB “System“ Enterprise Architecture - Business Data Architecture
- ESCS ISB Business Data Architecture Data Types
- ESCS ISB BDA Data Architecture Modelling Standards
- ESCS ISB Management Process

6 NOTES

None.

7 COPYRIGHT NOTICE

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