

ISO country codes for USITC DataWeb output

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Abstract

A mapping between USITC DataWeb country names and ISO country codes.

The US International Trade Commission's [Interactive Tariff and Trade DataWeb](#) provides detailed data describing aggregate trade flows between the United States and other economies. It reports country names without reporting a country code. Many data sources (e.g. the IMF's [World Economic Outlook database](#)) report both a country name and a standardized [ISO](#) three-letter country code. Due to the use of unofficial names (Burma vs Myanmar, East Timor vs Timor-Leste, etc) and inconsistent formatting ("Grenada Island" vs "Grenada", "Saint" vs "St" vs "St.", etc), merging using country names rather than standardized country codes is unreliable.¹

This data set, available as a [tab-delimited text file](#) and a [Stata data file](#), lists country names as they appear in raw USITC DataWeb output and their corresponding three-letter ISO country codes. By merging USITC data with the country-code correspondence provided here, one will produce a data set that can interact with any country-level data set that uses the three-letter ISO country codes.

The correspondence was produced using ISO country codes [listed](#) on the UN Statistics Division website. There are 226 entries. Note that not all USITC export destinations (such as Kosovo and the West Bank) have ISO codes.

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¹For example, naively merging the USITC and IMF WEO data in Stata using country names results in only 80% of observations being successfully paired.