



 **POST*CODE®**

Postal
Addressing
Systems



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The Universal Postal Union is a specialized agency of the United Nations. Its International Bureau is in permanent contact with the postal designated operators of its 192 member countries.

Within its International Bureau, the POST*CODE® Addressing Unit, working in the field of international postal addressing, is responsible for collecting data and analyzing the elements making up international addresses.

Postal Addressing Systems (PAS)

Top-notch know-how

The POST*CODE® experts participate actively in developing an international standard for addressing items.

A list of elements constituting an address has been formalized. It will make it possible to develop a database on the address structure, culminating in an international address standard.

This expertise leads us quite naturally to make this publication available to you:
Postal Addressing Systems



Features



A description for each country

You will have the address format for each member country, viz.:

- the type and position of the postcode;
- the description of the coding system;
- the format of domestic addresses.



A reference work

This contains, among other things, information on international addressing:

- address elements;
- the formatting of an international address;
- the use of a country code in an address;
- the position of an address on an item.



Regular updates

Would you like faster updates?

We offer you e-mail transmission in PDF format of:

- the complete original version;
- the changes announced by our member countries.

Example

Postcode type and position

8 digits flush left on the penultimate line (international)

Sr. Louis Carvalho
Bvd das flores 255
SALVADOR-BA
40301-110
BRAZIL

4 0 3 0 1 - 1 1 0

delivery point
sub-sector divider
sub-sector
sector
sub-region
region

Advantages



The guarantee of a properly written address

Only a reliable address can guarantee the quick and efficient handling of letter-post items, letters or packets, however many items you send. This reference document gives you the essential elements for writing international addresses correctly. The publication appears annually and describes the latest changes postal designated operators have made.



In addition to examples of addresses by country, you will have a basic manual at your disposal; the following features will soon enable you to **optimize your investment**:

- address model;
- contacts in each postal member country for specific information;
- lists of countries' regional subdivisions, if these are included in the address.



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Others POST*CODE® solutions

Universal POST*CODE® DataBase

The appearance of this annual publication completes the Universal POST*CODE® DataBase, a worldwide database containing raw postcode data converted in a uniform format. It is updated quarterly and can be easily integrated into your software application to validate and cleanse your domestic and international addresses.

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S42 International Addressing Standard

The S42 international addressing standard comprises of a generic list of address elements (used in all UPU member countries) and country-specific templates that tell users how to transform address elements into an accurately formatted address.

In other words, a country defining its S42 template provides precise information about its address elements and formats. This can be incorporated into software programs to manage addresses.

World Addresses

The World Addresses Web service is a hosted web service. It delivers address data to your web applications across the Internet, allowing you to add address lookup to any online form in order to check addresses at the first contact point with your customers. It can be added to websites and internal applications. Initially the service will offer address data for the UK, US, France and Germany, integrating other countries shortly afterwards.

The World Addresses Web service outputs addresses in the Universal Postal Union (UPU) "Standard S42" format.

Our product range has been developed to meet the needs of our customer and is being continually adjusted to keep pace in the changing marketplace.

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