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Toponymic Guidelines for Cartography: Sweden

Submitted by Sweden**

Summary:

The full report contains a brief overview of the forthcoming fourth revised edition of *Toponymic Guidelines for Cartography: Sweden*, which will be published digitally and will be accessible on the web page of the Swedish Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authority. The fourth revised edition will be issued in both English and Swedish. The publication contains information on languages, place-name authorities, source materials and administrative divisions. The update takes into consideration recent changes in map production as well as the introduction of new administrative divisions in the Swedish population register and in the general section of the Real Property Register. The fourth revised edition is being developed through a collaboration between the Swedish Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authority and the Institute for Language and Folklore.

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The aim of this report is to briefly present the ongoing work of updating the booklet *Toponymic guidelines for Cartography: Sweden*. A revised edition will be digitally published in the spring of 2019 and accessible from the website of the Swedish Mapping, Cadastre and Land Registration Authority – *Lantmäteriet*. This fourth edition will be issued in both English and Swedish. The publication is a cooperation between *Lantmäteriet* and the *Institute for Language and Folklore* and it presents information on languages, names authorities, source materials and administrative divisions.

The chapter on source materials has undergone an update that takes into consideration recent changes in how basic geographic information is provided. Today *Lantmäteriet* is supplying geographic information such as maps, property boundaries, aerial imagery and place names mainly through downloads and e-services. Special geodata services with machine interfaces have also been introduced for professional users.

In 2016, a new system of administrative divisions was introduced in Sweden replacing ecclesiastical parishes with districts (*Sw. distrikt*) as register entities for the population registration system. The new district boundaries correspond to the ecclesiastical parish boundaries existing at the end of 1999/beginning of 2000, when the separation of Church and State took place in Sweden. The names of the districts were determined by the Swedish Parliament (*Sw. Riksdagen*) in 2015, based on proposals from *Lantmäteriet* and following broad consultation.

Since 2016, moreover, *Lantmäteriet* has included information in the Real Property Register about the historical parish to which each individual property belongs. Parishes and parish names can thus be guaranteed a continued existence and a cultural heritage of major significance can be preserved.