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**National and international standardization of  
geographical names: toponymic guidelines for map  
and other editors for international use**

**Toponymic Guidelines for Cartography: Sweden. Fourth revised  
edition**

Submitted by Sweden\*\*

Summary and full report

The aim of this report is to briefly present the updated edition of *Toponymic Guidelines for Cartography: Sweden*. This guide has previously been published in three editions 1982, 1998 and 2007. This fourth revised edition presents information on languages, names authorities, source materials and administrative divisions. It is issued in both English and Swedish.

The revised publication is supplemented by an adjustment in the spelling of Saami, as Pite Saami has received an official orthography since the previous edition.

The chapter on source materials has undergone an update. It takes into consideration 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 has 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.

The fourth edition of [Toponymic Guidelines](#) is published digitally and is accessible from the website of the Swedish Mapping, Cadastre and Land Registration Authority. The publication is a cooperation between *Lantmäteriet* and the *Institute for Language and Folklore*.

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