1991 Guobiao Codes FAQ

This table describes the contents of the file: "guobiao_1991_040301.zip" which can be accessed from the CHGIS working papers downloads page.

There are two files in the ZIP archive, containing 3389 administrative units for the year 1991. The table was compiled by CHGIS from Guobiao Code Lists GB 2260-91, and the capital data was extracted from ACASIAN 1992 data, as found in the Hartwell Datasets (also available from CHGIS). Note: the capital information has not been verified.

GB_91_ENG_040201.xls = **ENG** (table of English romanizations)
GB_91_HZ_040201.xls = **HZ** (table of Chinese Characters)

Field Name	In Table	Description
GB_91	ENG, HZ	Guobiao Code as listed in GB 2260 1991
PY_NAME	ENG, HZ	Pinyin name of administrative unit
MIN_PREFIX	ENG	Minority Prefix, which is precedes the unit name ie. "Yaozu" in *Bama Yaozu Zizhixian*
UNIT	ENG	Administrative Unit (in Pinyin)
NEED?	ENG	A flag to indicate whether or not the Admin Unit should be added to the Pinyin Name. As in the case of Min Xian, or Jiao Qu. The unit should NOT be added or the result would be *Min Xian Xian*, and *Jiao Qu Qu*. See relateddiscussion of this problem (PDF file). (VALUE = NULL or N)
STATUS_91	ENG	Administrative Status of the Unit, 1991, in English translation.
ADM2	ENG, HZ	First four digits of the GB Code, for easy aggregation on Prefecture level.
ADM1	ENG, HZ	First two digits of the GB Code, for easy aggregation on Province level.
PY_CAPITAL	ENG	Pinyin Capital as found in ACASIAN 1992 GIS dataset, which was used as the source file for Hartwell Data.
ADM_LEVEL	ENG, HZ	Administrative Level, values = 1, 2, 3 for easy sorting of ADM1, ADM2, ADM3 units, regardless of their names or GB codes.
ALT	ENG	Alternate name flag. Indicates whether or not there are alternate names for this unit. (VALUE = Y or N)

ALT_NAME	ENG	Alternate Name in Pinyin.

Sources:

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