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Background information:

The Greek Ministry for Migration Policy in the framework of issuing residence permits in accordance with Regulation 1030/2002/EC, as amended by Regulation 380/2008/EC, and especially in case of third country nationals, who are holders of passports issued by Hong Kong or Macao, requests information on how are the relevant fields of the electronic residence permit filled in by other members - states.

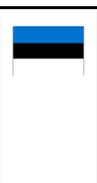
Questions

1. What do your competent national authorities enter in the fields of (a) nationality, (b) the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) and (c) the three - letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the residence permits issued to holders of Hong Kong or Macao passports?

Responses

	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
	Austria	Yes	1. Third-country nationals of Hong Kong and Macao hold passports with the inscription: "HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA" and "MACAO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA". ad a: The competent Austrian authorities enter China as nationality in the "residence permit". ad b: The three-digit code regarding nationality (in MRZ) is "CHN". ad c: The Austrian residence permit has only one field "birthplace" in which the birthplace of the alien is written-out, but no field with the title "country of birthplace" and thus no special codes are to be filled in. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior
	Belgium	Yes	1. a) With regard to nationality, there is no numerical or letter code mentioned on the residence permits. The whole name of the country is mentioned (see below). b & c) With regard to the codes, there are several possibilities according to the date: ☐ Code 230 on 01.04.1999 China (Hong-Kong) ; ☐ Code 231 on 15.01.2009 China (Macao) ; ☐ Code 234 on 01.04.1999 China

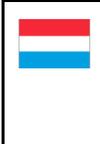
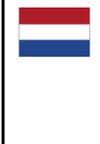
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			(Hong-Kong) ; Code 281 on 15.01.2009 Macao (Portugal) Sources: Immigration Office (Study Department) + National Register (RRN)
	Bulgaria	Yes	1. 1. Republic of Bulgaria issues residence permit in accordance with Regulation 1030/2002/EU, as amended by Regulation 380/2008/EU. In the field "nationality" it is written - Hong Kong. The MRZ code for holders of Hong Kong passport is HKG. 2. There are no issued residence permits to persons holding passports issued by Macao.
	Croatia	Yes	1. (a) The three-digit nationality code is printed in the visual zone in the Citizenship field on the back of the electronic residence permit and in the second row of the machine readable (MRZ) zone. (b) The three-digit country code, according to ISO 3166, for MAKAO is MAC, while the three-sign country code, according to ISO 3166, for HONG KONG is HKG. (c) The three-digit code of country of birth is printed in the visual zone in the Date and place of birth field on the back of the electronic residence permit.
	Czech Republic	Yes	1. a) Chinese b) This decision depends on documents provided by the third country national. HKG (Hong Kong) MAC (Macao) CHN (the People's Republic of China) c) This decision depends on documents provided by the third country national. HKG (Hong Kong) MAC (Macao) CHN (the People's Republic of China)
	Estonia	Yes	1. The nationality of third country nationals from Hong Kong and Macao is entered "China". The three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) and the three-letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth depends on documents provided by the third country national and can be as follows: CHN (The People's Republic of China) HKG (Hong Kong) MAC (Macao)
	Finland	Yes	1. a) Kiina (People's Republic of China in Finnish) b) CHN c) Hong Kong UK if the person is born before the 1st of July 1997 or China (People's Republic of China in Finnish) if the person is born after the 1st of July 1997. Finland has not encountered cases with Macao passports.

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	France	Yes	<p>1. for holders of Hong KONG passports nationality : Chinese, code : RPC for holders of Macao passports nationality Chinese, code : HK in the residence permits France mentions the country of birth, the nationality and the place of birth. Only the nationality has a 3 code letter. The place of birth is written in full. Consequently will be mentioned on the residence permits: - Republique Populaire de Chine - Hong Kong</p>
	Germany	Yes	<p>1. According to ICAO 9303: (a) nationality for Hong Kong: HKG; for Macao:MAC . (b) MRZ: for Hong Kong: HKG; for Macao: MAC. (c) no declaration of state / nationality</p>
	Hungary	Yes	<p>1. What do your competent national authorities enter in the fields of (a) nationality, - Hong Kong citizen (b) the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) and - HKG (c) the three - letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the residence permits issued to holders of Hong Kong passports? - HKG What do your competent national authorities enter in the fields of (a) nationality, - Macau citizen (b) the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) and - MAC (c) the three - letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the residence permits issued to holders of Macao passports? – MAC</p>
	Ireland	No	<p>This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.</p>
	Latvia	Yes	<p>1. a) in the field of nationality we enter - "China" (People's Republic of China); b) as the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) we enter "CHN" - China (People's Republic of China); c) as the three- letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the residence permits issued to holders of Hong Kong or Macao passports we enter "CHN" - China (People's Republic of China) or other country (it's code) which person indicates in Application for Requiring a Residence Permit.</p>

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	Lithuania	Yes	1. When issuing residence permits LT follows the information provided in the submitted travel document. Therefore, a) Hong Kong, b) HKG (ICAO code), c) Hong Kong (place of birth is entered in full, not three letter code.
	Luxembourg	Yes	1. a)Nationality: Chinese b) The three-letter code pertaining to the nationality: HK (Hong Kong), MAC (Macao) or TJ (China) c) The three -letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth: HK, MAC or TJ
	Malta	Yes	1. The fields in respect of nationals who hold passports issued by the said Special Administrative Regions are filled as follows: (a) nationality: since such nationals are Chinese, the said code is CHN (b) the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ): the abbreviation CHN is also inputted in line with the field of nationality (c) the three - letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth: in the case of those holding Hong Kong passports, the abbreviation HKG is used, whilst those holding passports issued by Macao special administrative region, the abbreviation MAC is inserted
	Netherlands	Yes	1. The Dutch authorities enter China (or CHN) in the fields of (a) nationality, (b) the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) and (c) the three - letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the residence permits issued to holders of Hong Kong or Macao passports.
	Poland	Yes	1. After analyzing the current administrative practice, it should be stated that in the residence permits issued by the Polish authorities to persons who are holders of passports issued by Hong Kong, Macao in accordance to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format of residence permits for citizens third countries nationals, amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 380/2008 of 18 April 2008, amending Regulation (EC) No. 1030/2002: a) in the fields of nationality is entered: HONGKONG or HONGKONG (CHINA), MAKAU or MAKAU (CHINA), b) in the fields of the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) is entered: HKG, MAC c) In the field concerning the place of birth in

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			the residence permits, the place and country of birth is entered. Regarding the country of birth, the name of the country is entered, not the three-letter code. The name of the country depends on the place of birth, which does not have to be a country of citizenship of a foreigner. In the case of Hong Kong or Macao, for example, is entered: HONG KONG, HONGKONG; FUJIAN, CHINA; MACAU, MAKAU; JIANGXI, CHINA.
	Portugal	Yes	1. PT follows the nationality of the travel document presented which means the use of the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the passport presented. PT follows the recommendation of Doc 9303 of ICAO regarding ID1 documents: the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the travel document presented by the holder, is the same on the MRZ of the residence permit.
	Slovak Republic	Yes	1. a) SR does not indicate the nationality on the document. b) MRZ is specified by the acronym = Hongkong – HKG, Macao = MAC c) Citizenship (in Slovak: „štátna príslušnosť“) is specified according to the name of the state as indicated on the specimen of the residence document in the document attached.
	Spain	Yes	1. Spain makes no difference to holders of passports from Hong Kong or Macao: they are considered as Chinese nationals, with Chinese passports and the code is China.
	Sweden	Yes	1. a. China b. CHN c. CHN
	United Kingdom	Yes	1. (a) For Hong Kong: HKG ; for Macao:MAC . (b) For Hong Kong: HKG ; for Macao: MAC. (c) no declaration of state / nationality