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US Board on Geographic Names Approved Arabic Transliteration Systems

Notes: IGN = Institut Geographique National de France.

Not shown: Comoros, approved Arabic transliteration system unknown.

Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger: IGN Transliteration approved, except substitute GH for RH (Arabic ghayn) (227 FNC 1973).

Egypt: Survey of Egypt spellings no longer official for NATO products - all SoE spellings should be stored as variants.

Lebanon: Current practice of approving francophone romanization appears to violate stated BGN policy (197 FNC 3 1970).

Sudan: Both Arabic and English forms approved for railroad stations.

Tunisia: BGN transliterations are approved where Arabic sources are available or where the etymology of a romanized name is certain, but otherwise IGN romanization is retained.

Yemen: Dialectal forms are used as approved names for the island of Socotra. British sources of names are approved for Aden, where native evidence is not available (142 FNC 5 1960).

