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**WORK ON THE NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL  
NAMES IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
(Summary)**

The legal basis for the activity in the field of geographical features naming is established by the Federal law on Geographical Features Names (d/d 18.12.1997).

The Ministry of Economic Development carries out the functions for development and realization of the state policy and legal regulation in geodesy, cartography and geographical features naming spheres. The Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Mapping (Rosreestr) is determined as a federal executive body responsible for the geographical features naming sphere.

The results of standardization of the names of geographical features in 2010-2012 are the following:

- in a part of spelling of geographical features names, projects of geographical features registers and reference books of administrative-territorial division of some subjects of the Russian Federation were examined and approved;

- the information on certain geographical features and recommendations for using and normalization of geographical features naming, which were requested by the organizations and citizens, were provided;

- as of the 1st of January 2012 there are 580 thousand geographical names registered in the State catalogue database. It is 76% of the anticipated volume of the Geographical Names Catalogue of the Russian Federation, which is being created;

- Informational bulletin, which contains official changes in the geographical names on the Russian territory from 1997 to 2011, is updated on yearly basis (bulletin is on the Rosreestr's webpage, <http://www.rosreestr.ru>);

- there are works on transcribing of geographical names of the Russian Federation and foreign countries to publish the certain cartographic products.

- a set of rules was prepared to transcribe geographic names of the Republic of Bashkortostan. There are also works on creation of the set of rules to transfer the Russian geographic names of the Republic of Tatarstan;

- the activity of the Working group on Geographical names of the CIS Member Countries Interstate Council on Geodesy, Mapping and Cadastre was coordinated for creating digital version of Informational bulletin, which name is "Changing of Geographical Names in CIS Member Countries".

The most important mapping product is the National Atlas of Russia. It consists of four parts, and every part is an individual cartographic product, which has its own informational and cognitive value. Taking into account the purpose of

the National Atlas of Russia and the circle of its consumers, it is issued both in polygraphic and digital version.

State policy of the Russian Federation in the sphere of geographic features names was practically realized in the developed mapping products.

Transliteration system of the Cyrillic alphabet to the Latin alphabet (All Union State Standard – 83), which is established at the 5<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on Standardization of Geographic Names (Montreal, 1987), continues being applied in the Russian Federation for issuing of maps for international usage.