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**STATE OF WORK ON CREATING, MANAGING AND USING OF THE
STATE CARTOGRAPHICAL NAMES CATALOGUE
(Summary)**

In the Federal law on Geographical Features Names (d/d 18.12.1997) there is a task set to create and keep the State Cartographical Names Catalogue of the Russian Federation for:

- uniformed and sustainable use of geographical features names in legal acts, in an official correspondence, on maps, in printed publications and mass media;
- saving of geographical features names as a component part of historical and cultural heritage of peoples of the Russian Federation;
- satisfying the demands of federal state bodies, state regional authorities of the Russian Federation, local self-government bodies, organizations, mass media and citizens for official information about geographical features names.

State Cartographical Names Catalogue consists of an up-to-date digital database with information about names, which are given to geographical features in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, and information about features, to which these names concern.

The technology of gathering, analyzing, systematization, formalization, processing of the information and its adding to the database and registration base is described.

There is a description provided for the structure and content of informational indexes that are to be added to the State Catalogue's database.

As of the 1st of January 2012, 580 thousand geographical features names have been already recorded in the database and it is 76% of the anticipated volume of the State Geographical Names Catalogue that is being created.

The content of works on keeping of the State Geographical Names Catalogue's database and also works on providing informational services are described. It is noticed that while the works on creating State Catalogue's database are completing possibilities increase to provide different information from this database to users. The prospect of creating a portal (web-site) to provide state informational services on geographical names is underlined.