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standardization: Legal frameworks, laws  
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# Ukraine

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# Updating geonames responsibilities - what are the changes?



On 20 September 2022, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine amended the Law of Ukraine "**On Geographical Names**" to improve activities related to geographical names. These amendments:



define the powers of the Government;



establish the principle of openness of the State Register of Geographical Names;



determine the holder and administrator of the State Register of Geographical Names;



regulate the procedure for conducting expertise of proposals and decisions of state authorities and local self-government bodies on naming and renaming geographical objects, etc.



In the ongoing process of renaming the settlements and other geographical objects, the citizens take an active part via online tools.



The State Register of Geographical Names contains more than 105 000 names of geographical objects of Ukraine, which are constantly updated according to official sources of information.

