

Comments received for
ISO 639-3 Change Request 2020-019

Outcome: Rejected

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Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2020-019 to modify [pnb] Western Panjabi to Punjabi

The request to change the reference name for code element [pnb] Western Punjabi is rejected. Simply changing the reference name to Punjabi without further disambiguation is disallowed by the standard since the code element for [pan] Panjabi already has Punjabi as an additional name. A successful request to remove Western from the reference name would need to argue that [pnb] is not really a distinct language and should thus be merged into [pan], or would need to argue that they really are distinct by the criteria of the standard but should have disambiguated names like Punjabi (Pakistan) and Punjabi (India).