

# Interpreting Malaria Risk Maps' Change Control Documentation

CreaTech Solutions' malaria risk maps incorporate a coding system to link critical map elements with our Document Change History. Maps without overlays are comprised of two controlled elements and maps with overlays are comprised of three.

## Coding Scheme:

Alphanumeric codes are used to distinguish map elements and versions, and link them with the corresponding country. The code format consists of three letters representing the country, three numbers indicating the version, and one letter indicating the map element. Each code element is separated by a period as illustrated in the following example:

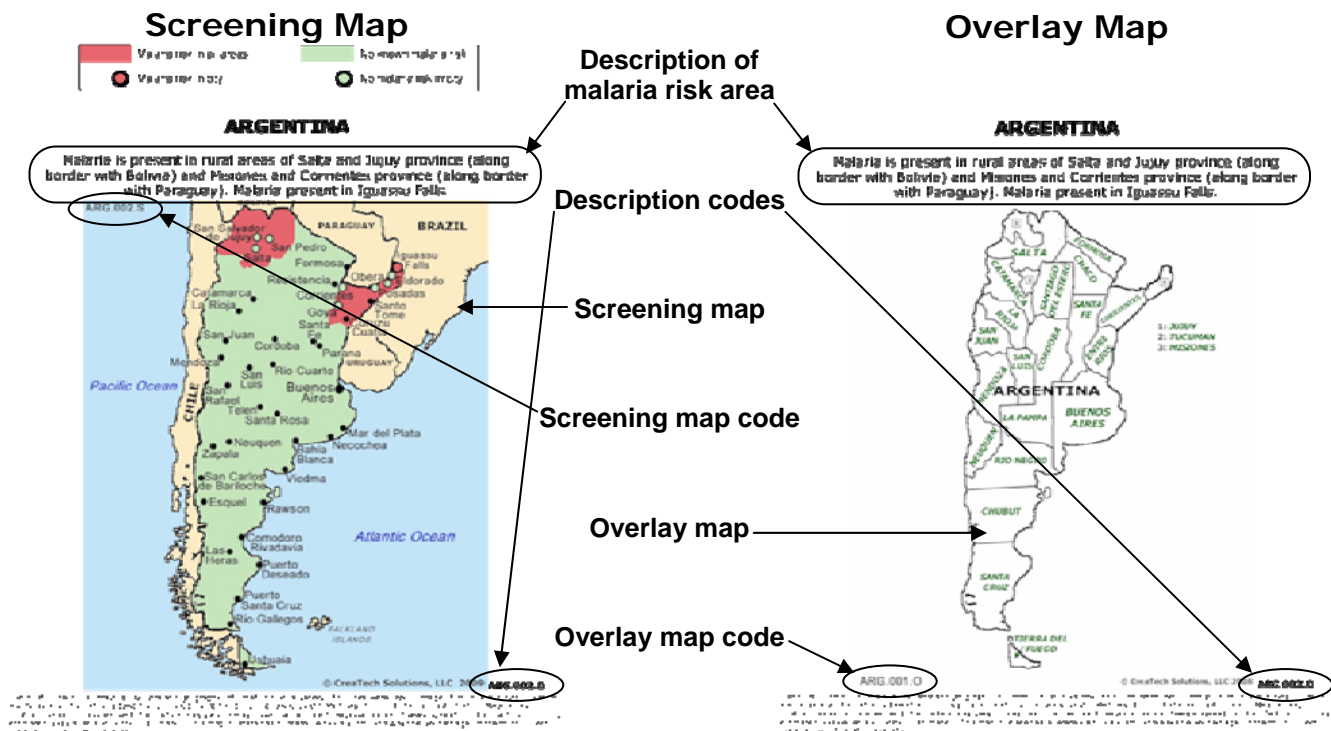
### AFG.001.D

This example conveys the following information:

- Country = Afghanistan (AFG)
- Version = 1 (001)
- Element = Description of risk area (D)

## Map Change Control Elements:

1. Description of malaria risk area (D): This element is the written description of malaria risk that is included on each map. The description code is located in the lower right-hand corner of the map page, immediately above the footer.
2. Screening map (S): This is the color-coded map. The screening map code is located within the boundaries of the map itself (within the colored area) and may be located in either of the upper or lower corners of the map. This code is placed in a corner location where the code can be clearly distinguished from other graphic elements of the map.
3. Overlay map (O): This element is only included in the Reference Edition and corresponds with overlay maps that depict administrative boundaries within countries where malaria risk is described in terms of country subdivisions. Not all screening maps have corresponding overlay maps. The placement of overlay map codes is dependent on the location of other map elements, as with screening map codes.

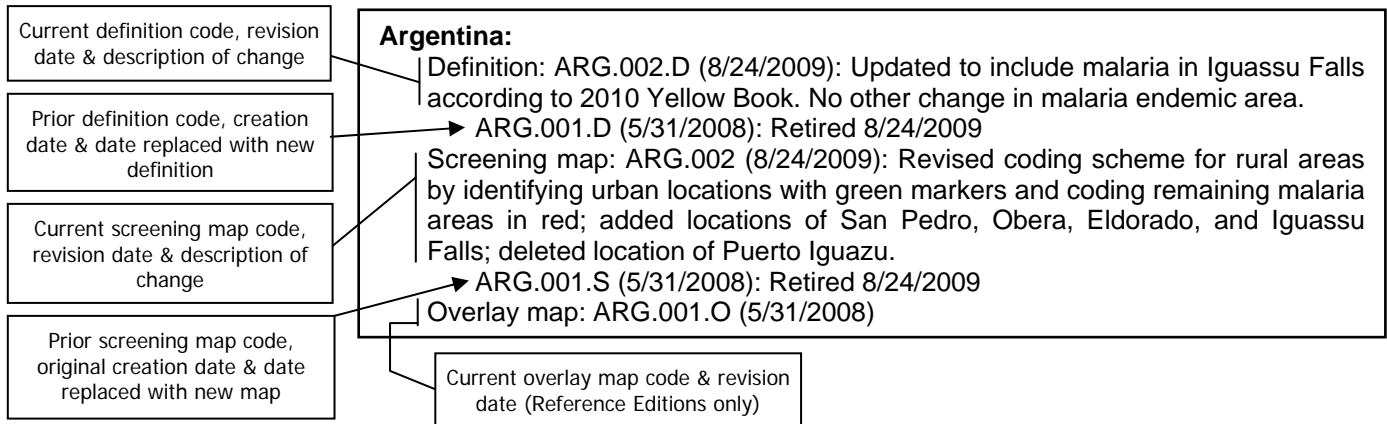


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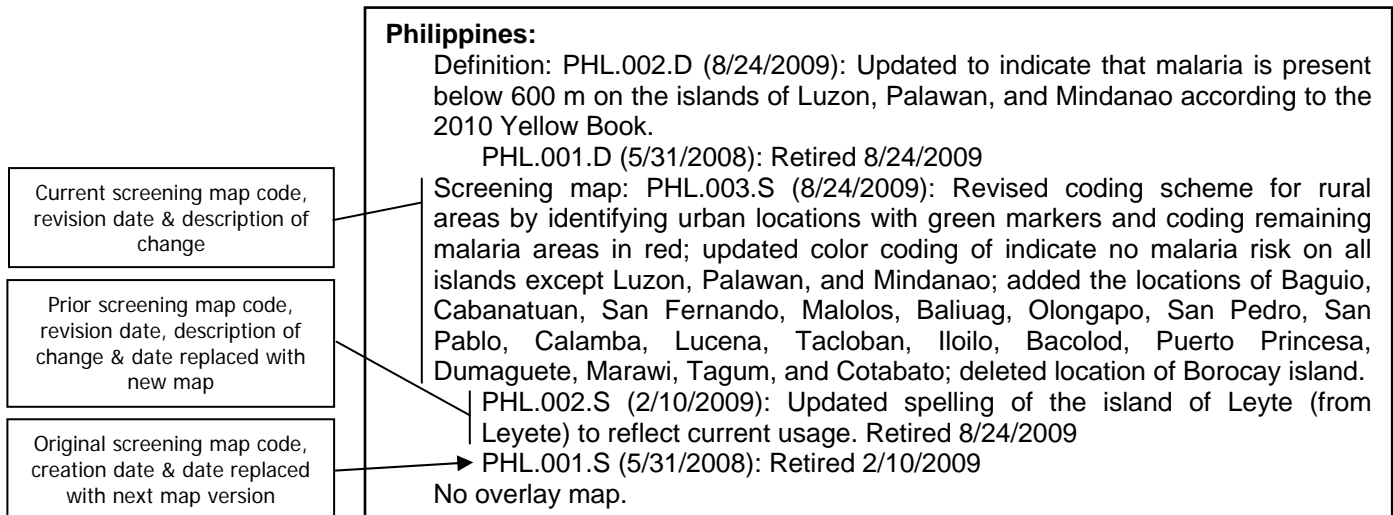
## Relating Change Control Codes with the Document Change History:

The change control codes on each map page relate to the Document Change History provided with each revision. The Document Change History indicates which version of each element is in current use, and provides information about previous versions including what was changed and when the change occurred. This information can be useful for determining when malaria risk areas changed, particularly when performing lookback and other investigations.

Here is an example of the current Document Change History for Argentina:



The first version of each map element does not have a description, but each subsequent revision will contain this information. The description of changes will be retained in the Document Change History when the version is retired as shown in the following example:



Document change information for maps that have been removed from the collection will be retained in the Document Change History as shown in the following example:

