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Explanation: Swedish is the de-facto national language in Sweden. Swedish consist of Latin letters, but has three special signs in this alphabet, the letters å (ao), ä (ae) and ö (oe). Swedish is therefore to be regarded as IDN. There are furthermore five legally recognized minority languages: Finnish, Meänkeli, Romani, Sami, and Yiddish. In the first four minority languages Swedish 'special' letters ä, å and ö are represented. Therefore, all official minority languages in Sweden can be regarded as IDN. Due to definition by ICANN, however, Latin script is excluded from fast-track process.



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