

Table 1.8
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Rank	Region	Country	FPX	Source
3	SEA	Bouvet Island	7.60	17 (PROXY (Norway))
3	DME	Jan Mayen	7.60	17 (PROXY (Norway))
3	DME	Norway	7.60	17 (RWB)
3	SEA	Queen Maud Land	7.60	17 (PROXY (Norway))
3	DME	Svalbard	7.60	17 (PROXY (Norway))
6	DME	Sweden	8.27	17 (RWB)
7.5	DME	Aland Islands	8.92	17 (PROXY (Finland))
7.5	DME	Finland	8.92	17 (RWB)
10	DME	Denmark	10.36	17 (RWB)
10	DME	Faroe Islands	10.36	17 (PROXY (Denmark))
10	DME	Greenland	10.36	17 (PROXY (Denmark))
15	LAM	Aruba	11.28	17 (PROXY (Netherlands))
15	LAM	Bonaire	11.28	17 (PROXY (Sint Maarten))
15	LAM	Curacao	11.28	17 (PROXY (Netherlands))
15	DME	Netherlands	11.28	17 (RWB)
15	LAM	Saba	11.28	17 (PROXY (Sint Maarten))
15	LAM	Sint Eustatius	11.28	17 (PROXY (Sint Maarten))
15	LAM	Sint Maarten	11.28	17 (PROXY (Netherlands))
19	LAM	Costa Rica	11.93	17 (RWB)
20	DME	Switzerland	12.13	17 (RWB)
21	LAM	Jamaica	12.73	17 (RWB)
22	DME	Belgium	12.75	17 (RWB)
23	DME	Iceland	13.03	17 (RWB)
24	DME	Austria	13.47	17 (RWB)
25	USR	Estonia	13.55	17 (RWB)
28.5	SEA	Chatham Islands	13.98	17 (PROXY (New Zealand))
28.5	SEA	Cook Islands	13.98	17 (PROXY (New Zealand))
28.5	DME	New Zealand	13.98	17 (RWB)
28.5	SEA	Niue	13.98	17 (PROXY (New Zealand))
28.5	SEA	Ross Dependency	13.98	17 (PROXY (New Zealand))
28.5	SEA	Tokelau	13.98	17 (PROXY (New Zealand))
32	DME	Ireland	14.08	17 (RWB)
33	DME	Luxembourg	14.72	17 (RWB)
34	DME	Germany	14.97	17 (RWB)
35	EEU	Slovakia	15.51	17 (RWB)
37.5	DME	Azores	15.77	17 (PROXY (Portugal))
37.5	DME	Madeira	15.77	17 (PROXY (Portugal))
37.5	DME	Portugal	15.77	17 (RWB)
37.5	AFR	Sao Tome & Principe	15.77	17 (PROXY (Portugal))
43	DME	Australia	16.02	17 (RWB)
43	SEA	Australian Antarctica	16.02	17 (PROXY (Australia))
43	SEA	Christmas Island	16.02	17 (PROXY (Australia))
43	SEA	Cocos Islands	16.02	17 (PROXY (Australia))
43	SEA	Coral Sea Islands	16.02	17 (PROXY (Australia))
43	SEA	Nauru	16.02	17 (PROXY (Australia))
43	SEA	Norfolk Island	16.02	17 (PROXY (Australia))
47	LAM	Suriname	16.07	17 (RWB)
48	SEA	Samoa	16.41	17 (RWB)
49	DME	Canada	16.53	17 (RWB)
50	EEU	Czech Republic	16.91	17 (RWB)

51	AFR	Namibia	17.08	17 (RWB)
52	LAM	Uruguay	17.43	17 (RWB)
53	AFR	Ghana	17.95	17 (RWB)
54	AFR	Cabo Verde	18.02	17 (RWB)
55	USR	Latvia	18.62	17 (RWB)
59.5	DME	Alboran I	18.69	17 (PROXY (Spain))
59.5	DME	Alhucemas Is	18.69	17 (PROXY (Spain))
59.5	DME	Canary Islands	18.69	17 (PROXY (Spain))
59.5	DME	Ceuta	18.69	17 (PROXY (Spain))
59.5	DME	Chafarinas Is	18.69	17 (PROXY (Spain))
59.5	DME	Melilla	18.69	17 (PROXY (Spain))
59.5	DME	Penon de Velez	18.69	17 (PROXY (Spain))
59.5	DME	Spain	18.69	17 (RWB)
64	MEA	Cyprus	19.79	17 (RWB)
65	AFR	South Africa	20.12	17 (RWB)
66	DME	Liechtenstein	20.31	17 (RWB)
67.5	LAM	Chile	20.53	17 (RWB)
67.5	LAM	Chilean Antarctica	20.53	17 (PROXY (Chile))
69	LAM	Trinidad & Tobago	20.62	17 (RWB)
70	DME	Andorra	21.03	17 (RWB)
71	USR	Lithuania	21.37	17 (RWB)
72	EEU	Slovenia	21.70	17 (RWB)
76.5	LAM	Antigua	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
76.5	LAM	Barbuda	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
76.5	LAM	Carriacou & P Martin	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
76.5	LAM	Dominica	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
76.5	LAM	Grenada	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
76.5	LAM	Saint Kitts & Nevis	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
76.5	LAM	Saint Lucia	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
76.5	LAM	Saint Vincent	22.10	17 (PROXY (OECS))
87.5	DME	Fr S & Antarctic Land	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	DME	France	22.24	17 (RWB)
87.5	SEA	French Polynesia	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	LAM	Guadeloupe	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	LAM	Guiana, French	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	LAM	Martinique	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	AFR	Mayotte	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	DME	Monaco	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	SEA	New Caledonia	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	AFR	Reunion	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	LAM	Saint Barthelemy	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	LAM	Saint Martin	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	DME	St Pierre & Miquelon	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
87.5	SEA	Wallis & Futuna	22.24	17 (PROXY (France))
106	MEA	Akrotiri & Dhekelia	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	LAM	Anguilla	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	LAM	Bahamas	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	LAM	Barbados	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	DME	Bermuda	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	AFR	Br Indian Ocean Terr	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	SEA	British Antarctica	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	LAM	Cayman Islands	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	DME	Falkland Islands	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	DME	Gibraltar	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))

106	DME	Guernsey	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	DME	Isle of Man	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	DME	Jersey	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	SEA	Kiribati	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	LAM	Montserrat	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	SEA	Pitcairn Islands	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	DME	S Georgia & S Sandwch	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	AFR	Saint Helena	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	LAM	Turks & Caicos Is	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	SEA	Tuvalu	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	DME	United Kingdom	22.26	17 (RWB)
106	SEA	Vanuatu	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
106	LAM	Virgin Islands, Brit	22.26	17 (PROXY (UK))
118	LAM	Belize	23.43	17 (RWB)
119	AFR	Burkina Faso	23.85	17 (RWB)
125.5	SEA	Guam	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Marshall Islands	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Micronesia	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Midway Islands	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Northern Mariana Is	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Palau	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Palmyra Atoll	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	LAM	Puerto Rico	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Samoa, American	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	DME	United States	23.88	17 (RWB)
125.5	LAM	Virgin Islands, US	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
125.5	SEA	Wake Island	23.88	17 (PROXY (US))
132	AFR	Comoros	24.33	17 (RWB)
133	SEA	Taiwan	24.37	17 (RWB)
134	EEU	Romania	24.46	17 (RWB)
135	DME	Malta	24.76	17 (RWB)
136	AFR	Botswana	24.93	17 (RWB)
137	SEA	Tonga	24.97	17 (RWB)
139.5	LAM	Argentina	25.07	17 (RWB)
139.5	LAM	Argentine Antarctica	25.07	17 (PROXY (Argentina))
139.5	SEA	Bougainville	25.07	17 (PROXY (Papua New Guinea))
139.5	SEA	Papua New Guinea	25.07	17 (RWB)
143	DME	Holy See	26.26	17 (PROXY (Italy))
143	DME	Italy	26.26	17 (RWB)
143	DME	San Marino	26.26	17 (PROXY (Italy))
145	LAM	Haiti	26.36	17 (RWB)
146	EEU	Poland	26.47	17 (RWB)
147	AFR	Mauritania	26.49	17 (RWB)
149.5	AFR	Agalega	26.67	17 (PROXY (Mauritius))
149.5	AFR	Mauritius	26.67	17 (RWB)
149.5	AFR	Rodrigues Island	26.67	17 (PROXY (Mauritius))
149.5	AFR	Saint Brandon	26.67	17 (PROXY (Mauritius))
152	AFR	Madagascar	26.71	17 (RWB)
153	AFR	Senegal	26.72	17 (RWB)
154	LAM	Dominican Republic	26.76	17 (RWB)
155	LAM	Guyana	26.80	17 (RWB)
156	AFR	Niger	27.21	17 (RWB)
157	LAM	El Salvador	27.24	17 (RWB)
158	SEA	Korea, South	27.61	17 (RWB)

159	USR	Georgia	27.76	17 (RWB)
160	EEU	Bosnia	27.83	17 (RWB)
161	EEU	Serbia	28.05	17 (RWB)
163	SEA	Fiji	28.64	17 (RWB)
163	SEA	Rotuma Island	28.64	17 (PROXY (Fiji))
163	SEA	Solomon Islands	28.64	17 (PROXY (Fiji))
165	AFR	Lesotho	28.78	17 (RWB)
166	CPA	Mongolia	28.95	17 (RWB)
167	AFR	Malawi	28.97	17 (RWB)
168	EEU	Hungary	29.01	17 (RWB)
169	DME	Japan	29.44	17 (RWB)
170.5	SEA	Hong Kong	29.46	17 (RWB)
170.5	SEA	Macao	29.46	17 (PROXY (Hong Kong))
172	EEU	Croatia	29.59	17 (RWB)
173	MEA	Northern Cyprus	29.88	17 (RWB)
174	EEU	Albania	29.92	17 (RWB)
175	AFR	Guinea-Bissau	30.09	17 (RWB)
176	AFR	Benin	30.32	17 (RWB)
177.5	USR	Armenia	30.38	17 (RWB)
177.5	USR	Nagorno-Karabakh	30.38	17 (PROXY (Armenia))
179	USR	Moldova	30.41	17 (RWB)
180	AFR	Cote d'Ivoire	30.42	17 (RWB)
181	EEU	Kosovo	30.45	17 (RWB)
182	AFR	Tanzania	30.65	17 (RWB)
183.5	SAS	Bhutan	30.73	17 (RWB)
183.5	AFR	Sierra Leone	30.73	17 (RWB)
185	AFR	Togo	30.75	17 (RWB)
188.5	AFR	Aldabra Islands	30.86	17 (PROXY (Seychelles))
188.5	AFR	Alphonse Islands	30.86	17 (PROXY (Seychelles))
188.5	AFR	Amirantes Islands	30.86	17 (PROXY (Seychelles))
188.5	AFR	Farquhar Islands	30.86	17 (PROXY (Seychelles))
188.5	AFR	Seychelles	30.86	17 (RWB)
188.5	AFR	Southern Coral Group	30.86	17 (PROXY (Seychelles))
192	DME	Greece	30.89	17 (RWB)
193	USR	Kyrgyzstan	30.92	17 (RWB)
194	LAM	Peru	30.98	17 (RWB)
195.5	DME	Israel	31.01	17 (RWB)
195.5	LAM	Nicaragua	31.01	17 (RWB)
197	AFR	Mozambique	31.05	17 (RWB)
198	AFR	Liberia	31.12	17 (RWB)
199	AFR	Kenya	31.20	17 (RWB)
200	LAM	Panama	32.12	17 (RWB)
201	MEA	Tunisia	32.22	17 (RWB)
202	SEA	Timor-Leste	32.82	17 (RWB)
203	MEA	Lebanon	33.01	17 (RWB)
204	SAS	Nepal	33.02	17 (RWB)
205	AFR	Guinea	33.15	17 (RWB)
206	USR	Ukraine	33.19	17 (RWB)
207	LAM	Brazil	33.58	17 (RWB)
208	MEA	Kuwait	33.61	17 (RWB)
209	LAM	Ecuador	33.64	17 (RWB)
210	EEU	Montenegro	33.65	17 (RWB)
211	LAM	Bolivia	33.88	17 (RWB)
212	AFR	Gabon	34.83	17 (RWB)

213	EEU	Bulgaria	35.01	17 (RWB)
214	LAM	Paraguay	35.64	17 (RWB)
215	EEU	North Macedonia	35.74	17 (RWB)
216	AFR	Uganda	35.94	17 (RWB)
217	AFR	Central African Rep	36.12	17 (RWB)
218	AFR	Zambia	36.48	17 (RWB)
219	AFR	Congo, Republic	36.73	17 (RWB)
220	AFR	Mali	38.27	17 (RWB)
221	SAS	Maldives	39.30	17 (RWB)
222	LAM	Guatemala	39.33	17 (RWB)
223	MEA	United Arab Emirates	39.39	17 (RWB)
224	SAS	Afghanistan	39.46	17 (RWB)
225	AFR	Chad	39.66	17 (RWB)
226	AFR	Nigeria	39.69	17 (RWB)
227	MEA	Qatar	39.83	17 (RWB)
228	SEA	Indonesia	39.93	17 (RWB)
229	AFR	Angola	40.42	17 (RWB)
230	MEA	Oman	40.46	17 (RWB)
231	SEA	Philippines	41.08	17 (RWB)
232	AFR	Zimbabwe	41.44	17 (RWB)
233.5	LAM	Colombia	41.47	17 (RWB)
233.5	LAM	San Andres	41.47	17 (PROXY (Colombia))
235	AFR	Cameroon	41.59	17 (RWB)
236	CPA	Myanmar	41.82	17 (RWB)
237	CPA	Cambodia	42.07	17 (RWB)
238.5	MEA	Morocco	42.42	17 (RWB)
238.5	AFR	Western Sahara	42.42	17 (PROXY (Morocco))
240	MEA	Algeria	42.83	17 (RWB)
241	MEA	West Bank	42.90	17 (RWB)
243.5	SAS	India	42.94	17 (RWB)
243.5	LAM	Los Roques	42.94	17 (PROXY (Venezuela))
243.5	LAM	Los Testigos	42.94	17 (PROXY (Venezuela))
243.5	LAM	Venezuela	42.94	17 (RWB)
246	MEA	Jordan	43.24	17 (RWB)
247	SAS	Pakistan	43.55	17 (RWB)
248	LAM	Honduras	43.75	17 (RWB)
249	SAS	Sri Lanka	44.34	17 (RWB)
250	SEA	Thailand	44.69	17 (RWB)
251	AFR	Gambia	46.70	17 (RWB)
252	SEA	Malaysia	46.89	17 (RWB)
253	AFR	South Sudan	48.16	17 (RWB)
254	SAS	Bangladesh	48.36	17 (RWB)
255	LAM	Mexico	48.97	17 (RWB)
258.5	USR	Abkhazia	49.45	17 (PROXY (Russia))
258.5	USR	Donetsk People's Rep	49.45	17 (PROXY (Russia))
258.5	USR	Luhansk People's Rep	49.45	17 (PROXY (Russia))
258.5	USR	Russia	49.45	17 (RWB)
258.5	USR	South Ossetia	49.45	17 (PROXY (Russia))
258.5	USR	Transnistria	49.45	17 (PROXY (Russia))
262	USR	Tajikistan	50.27	17 (RWB)
263	AFR	Ethiopia	50.34	17 (RWB)
264	SEA	Singapore	51.10	17 (RWB)
265	AFR	Eswatini	51.27	17 (RWB)
266	USR	Belarus	52.43	17 (RWB)

267	AFR	Congo, Dem Republic	52.67	17 (RWB)
268	MEA	Turkey	52.98	17 (RWB)
269	SEA	Brunei	53.72	17 (RWB)
270	USR	Kazakhstan	54.01	17 (RWB)
271	MEA	Iraq	54.03	17 (RWB)
272	AFR	Rwanda	54.11	17 (RWB)
273.5	AFR	Burundi	55.78	17 (RWB)
273.5	MEA	Egypt	55.78	17 (RWB)
275	USR	Azerbaijan	56.40	17 (RWB)
276	MEA	Libya	56.81	17 (RWB)
277	MEA	Bahrain	58.88	17 (RWB)
278	MEA	Iran	65.12	17 (RWB)
279	MEA	Yemen	65.80	17 (RWB)
280.5	AFR	Somalia	65.95	17 (RWB)
280.5	AFR	Somaliland	65.95	17 (PROXY (Somalia))
282.5	MEA	Gaza Strip	66.02	17 (PROXY (Saudi Arabia))
282.5	MEA	Saudi Arabia	66.02	17 (RWB)
284	USR	Uzbekistan	66.11	17 (RWB)
285	CPA	Laos	66.41	17 (RWB)
286	AFR	Equatorial Guinea	66.47	17 (RWB)
287	AFR	Djibouti	70.54	17 (RWB)
288	LAM	Cuba	71.75	17 (RWB)
289	AFR	Sudan	73.56	17 (RWB)
290	CPA	Vietnam	73.96	17 (RWB)
291.5	CPA	China	77.66	17 (RWB)
291.5	SEA	Paracel Islands	77.66	17 (PROXY (China))
293	MEA	Syria	81.49	17 (RWB)
294	USR	Turkmenistan	84.19	17 (RWB)
295	AFR	Eritrea	84.24	17 (RWB)
296	CPA	Korea, North	84.98	17 (RWB)