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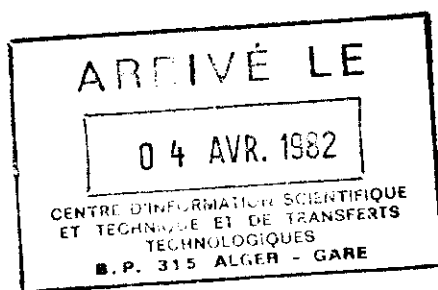
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Introduction

Modern times have seen a bewildering proliferation of abbreviations, presenting the reader with a considerable problem of identification. This difficulty is increased, and much of the advantage of abbreviation is lost, when a reader is obliged to search a large publication for definitions inconveniently placed, or, as often happens, when editors fail to record the full meaning of an acronym at least once.

The World Guide offers a wide-ranging and up-to-date summary of the abbreviated titles of organizations and their definitions. This new edition has been expanded from 18 000 to over 27 500 entries. Apart from British, North, Central and South American and international bodies, Common Market countries account for 7 500 entries, and African states for over 1 500. Where the country of origin is not stated, it is assumed to correspond to the language of the entry, except in the case of international and continental areas. This worldwide coverage can be augmented if necessary at a more local level by reference to works dealing exclusively with British or American abbreviations, in which the addresses of many of the organizations can also be found. For a selection of these, the reader is referred to the bibliography (p. vi). An additional bibliography (p. vii) contains sources of Russian and Eastern European abbreviations not covered by the present work.

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