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The example below shows how the Superintendent of Documents classification number **JU 6.8:577** is constructed for the publication **United States Reports**.

| <b>JU</b>  | <b>6.</b>   | <b>8:</b>                    | <b>577</b>    |
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| Judiciary (Federal court system)<br>(issuing agency) | Supreme Court<br>(subordinate bureau within the issuing agency) | Number designating the title | Volume number |

Here are the prefixes from the Superintendent of Documents classification numbers for currently active agencies:

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| <b>A</b>   | Agriculture Department                       | <b>LC</b>   | Library of Congress                                |
| <b>AE</b>  | National Archives and Records Administration | <b>LR</b>   | National Labor Relations Board                     |
| <b>B</b>   | US Agency for Global Media                   | <b>MS</b>   | Merit Systems Protection Board                     |
| <b>C</b>   | Commerce Department                          | <b>NAS</b>  | National Aeronautics and Space Administration      |
| <b>CC</b>  | Federal Communications Commission            | <b>NC</b>   | National Capital Planning Commission               |
| <b>CR</b>  | Civil Rights Commission                      | <b>NCU</b>  | National Credit Union Administration               |
| <b>D</b>   | Defense Department                           | <b>NF</b>   | National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities |
| <b>E</b>   | Energy Department                            | <b>NMB</b>  | National Mediation Board                           |
| <b>ED</b>  | Education Department                         | <b>NS</b>   | National Science Foundation                        |
| <b>EP</b>  | Environmental Protection Agency              | <b>P</b>    | United States Postal Service                       |
| <b>FA</b>  | Fine Arts Commission                         | <b>PE</b>   | Peace Corps  |
| <b>FCA</b> | Farm Credit Administration                   | <b>PM</b>   | Personnel Management Office                        |
| <b>FHF</b> | Federal Housing Finance Agency               | <b>PR</b>   | President of the United States                     |
| <b>FM</b>  | Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service   | <b>PREX</b> | Executive Office of the President                  |
| <b>FMC</b> | Federal Maritime Commission                  | <b>PRVP</b> | Vice President of the United States                |
| <b>FR</b>  | Federal Reserve System Board of Governors    | <b>RR</b>   | Railroad Retirement Board                          |
| <b>FT</b>  | Federal Trade Commission                     | <b>S</b>    | State Department                                   |
| <b>FTZ</b> | Foreign-Trade Zones Board                    | <b>SBA</b>  | Small Business Administration                      |
| <b>GA</b>  | Government Accountability Office             | <b>SE</b>   | Securities and Exchange Commission                 |
| <b>GP</b>  | Government Publishing Office                 | <b>SI</b>   | Smithsonian Institution                            |
| <b>GS</b>  | General Services Administration              | <b>SSA</b>  | Social Security Administration                     |
| <b>HE</b>  | Health and Human Services Department         | <b>T</b>    | Treasury Department (includes IRS)                 |
| <b>HH</b>  | Housing and Urban Development Department     | <b>TD</b>   | Transportation Department                          |
| <b>HS</b>  | Homeland Security                            | <b>TDA</b>  | US Trade and Development Agency                    |
| <b>I</b>   | Interior Department                          | <b>VA</b>   | Veterans Affairs Department                        |
| <b>ID</b>  | US Agency for International Development      | <b>X, Y</b> | Congress   |
| <b>ITC</b> | International Trade Commission               | <b>Y 3</b>  | Boards, Commissions, and Independent Committees    |
| <b>J</b>   | Justice Department                           | <b>Y 4</b>  | Congressional Committees                           |
| <b>JU</b>  | Judiciary (Federal court system)             |             |  |
| <b>L</b>   | Labor Department                             |             |  |

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