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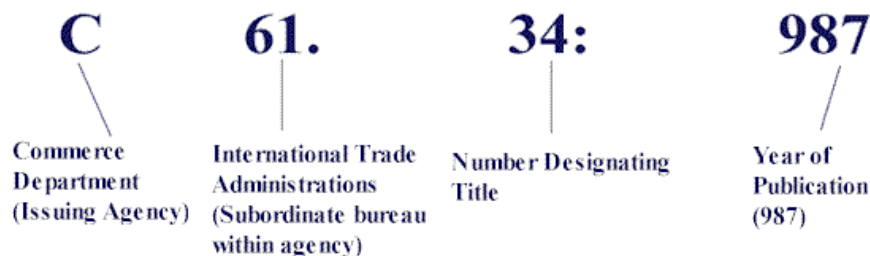
How to locate Government Publications

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Here are the prefixes from the SuDoc classification numbers for some government agencies.



A	Agriculture Dept.
C 3.	Census Bureau (Commerce Dept.)
D	Defense Dept.
E	Energy Dept.
ED	Education Dept.
GA	General Accounting Office
GS	General Services Administration
HE	Health and Human Services Dept.
I	Interior Dept.
I 19.	U.S. Geological Survey (Interior Dept.)
J	Justice Dept.
Ju	Judiciary
L	Labor Dept.
LC	Library of Congress
NAS	NASA
S	State Dept.
SI	Smithsonian Institute
T 22.	Internal Revenue Service
X, Y	Congress
Y.4	Congressional Committees

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