TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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SUBJECT: Qualifications after an identifier – Amendments to RDA 2.15.1.7 I. BL response.

The British Library thanks ACOC for this proposed clarification. Our policy is to record qualifiers to ISBNs as they appear on the resource.

These examples highlight the tension between identification of a specific manifestation and the longstanding practice of recording any potentially useful identifier that appears on the resource.

Addressing this problem will require a new discussion paper or proposal to evaluate the options for distinguishing between the identifier for the manifestation and identifiers for related manifestations which happen to be recorded on the manifestation in hand.

1. We agree with the addition of examples in principle, but we are not in favour of grouping examples which clearly represent different resources.

2. We agree with the changes suggested by 6JSC/ACOC/9/rev/LC Response

3. We also suggest the following minor change to the existing wording to "substitute 'record' for 'add'. The qualifier is an element, and should therefore be recorded or transcribed, not added.

. The revised instruction would read,

   "If the resource has only one identifier, ~~add~~ record the type of binding, if considered important for identification."

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