

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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SUBJECT: Consideration of proposals from the ISBD Review Group

ACOC has considered the proposals from the ISBD Review Group. ACOC would like to maintain harmony with both the ISBD and the policies of the ISSN Network.

1. Removal of the exception at ISBD 1.1.4.1.1 (AACR2 12.1B2)

In principle ACOC supports the removal of this exception, as its removal would result in greater consistency in the instructions. Such an instruction would be consistent with the RDA principle of representation, i.e. “The data describing a resource should reflect the resource’s representation of itself.” ([JSC/RDA/Objectives and Principles/Rev/2](#)).

However, we note that this change will involve a significant difference between AACR2 and RDA practice for serials, and that we may need to re-consider what is treated as a major change of title for serials. We would appreciate further discussion on these points before any change is made.

2. Changes in the first five words for Chinese, Japanese, Korean titles.

ACOC agrees that ‘change in the first five words’ does not work as a guideline for character based languages and so would support the inclusion of additional guidance.