

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
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SUBJECT: **Consideration of proposals from the ISBD Review Group**

1. *Removal of the following exception at ISBD 1.1.4.1.1 (AACR2 12.1B2): If the title of a serial or integrating resource appears on the source of information for the title proper in full as well as in the form of an acronym or initialism, choose the full form as the title proper.*

We do not support this proposed change. The use of the fuller title in preference to the acronym has improved consistency and efficiency and reversion would be a backward step.

2. *Address problem encountered for Chinese, Japanese, Korean titles when applying the rules for when to create a new description for serials based on changes in the title. Specifically, any change in the first five words (the first six words if the first word is an article) of a serial title is considered a major change (AACR2 21.2C2). This is difficult to apply to Chinese, Japanese and Korean titles given the difficulty of counting words in these languages and scripts.*

No change is necessary. The Japanese and Chinese cataloguing sections were consulted. No problems were reported by Chinese cataloguing section. The Japanese section follows the Nihon Cataloguing Rules, 1987. Revised edition. These rules already have a provision requiring a new description should any major word in the change.

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