

To: Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR  
From: RDA Appendices Group  
Subject: Status report (March 2007)

In 5JSC/Chair/9, the RDA Appendices Group was charged with the responsibility for the preparation of three RDA appendices: Appendix A. Capitalization, Appendix B. Abbreviations, and Appendix C. Initial articles.

At the October 2006 meeting, the JSC discussed recommendations from the Group's September 2006 status report and made further assignments. Below is the status of the Group's work for each of the appendices.

#### Appendix A. Capitalization

The JSC decision in October 2006 was to retain the AACR2 appendix on capitalization. The Appendices Group was instructed to look at the organization of that appendix. The current organization of the General Rules section by ISBD areas will need to be replaced by data elements grouped into broad categories.

#### Appendix B. Abbreviations

Work has begun to remove the Part I abbreviations other than those related to units of measurement and those recommended for the revised draft of Chapter 3 (our Chapter 3 recommendations were sent via email in early March). This editing cannot be completed until the JSC addresses any comments from the constituencies about abbreviations in Chapter 3. Although the JSC decided at its April 2006 meeting that there would have to be a strong justification for any changes to the abbreviations in controlled access points, we note that the JSC intends to consider the addition of the abbreviation "Dept." for use in access points (currently allowed by LAC and LC documentation). We await further decisions about the content of Part B so that we can complete our work on Appendix B.

#### Appendix C. Initial articles

The JSC has not yet considered the relevant Part B instructions related to the omission or marking of initial articles in four AACR2 Part II rules. Language experts at LC are checking on the problem, as noted by CCC, of the presence of some partitive articles in the AACR2 appendix. Work has not yet begun on converting the content of the AACR2 appendix and the additional articles approved by the JSC at the October 2006 meeting into Excel tables.

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