

Memorandum

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TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR DATE: Sept. 11, 2006

FROM: Barbara B. Tillett, LC Representative

SUBJECT: Dimensions of binding and of item(s) contained therein

LC supports the addition of options for *RDA* 3.5.1.1 and 3.5.1.2 as proposed by CILIP and agrees that they should not be restricted to early printed resources.

LC agrees that *RDA* should not make a distinction between “common” and “local” situations for reasons cited by CILIP.

LC agrees that the current *RDA* 3.5.1.3 overlaps to some extent with the instruction in 3.5.1.1. However, what isn't clear in the current 3.5.1 as written or in the proposed 3.5.1 instructions is how to handle a situation when a single description is being made of a bound volume containing separate bibliographic resources of varying heights. When the current 3.5.1.3 refers to a book, etc., consisting “of separate units,” some think the units are referring to chapters rather than to separate bibliographic resources that could be handled by separate descriptions. LC proposes that the current 3.5.1.3 be retained and reworded as follows:

3.5.1.3. ~~Units~~ Resources of varying height bound together

- If the ~~book, etc.,~~ volume consists of separate ~~units~~ resources of varying height bound together and a description is being made for the volume as a whole, record the height of the binding only.
- ◇ Optionally, if the difference in height between the resources and their binding is considered to be important, record the height of the resources by giving the smallest and largest height separated by a hyphen, followed by the height of the binding, connected by an appropriate phrase.

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