

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, ACOC representative to JSC

Subject: **Numbering for serials: alternative instruction**

ACOC agrees that transcribing the numeric and chronological designations for the first and/or last issue of a serial in area 3 (corresponding to MARC formatted 362 field) often confuses users. However, it does not seem necessary to move this information to a note to resolve this issue.

Rather than LC's proposal to provide an alternative rule in *RDA* to allow giving the numbering information for serials as a note even if the description is based on the first and/or last issue, ACOC would prefer that the alternative become the instruction. Numbering information should be able to be recorded as an element regardless of the issue or part on which the description is based.

In addition we would prefer that the optional provision (i.e. to supply the designation if it can be readily ascertained) also become part of the instruction.

Separate elements for beginning and ending designations should be considered, as this would clearly designate the nature of this information and remove the need for instructions about hyphens.

The resulting instructions would be simpler for cataloguers to apply, less confusing for users, and be more consistent with the new CONSER Standard Record Guidelines.

ACOC therefore proposes the following changes (based on the text in the LC proposal):

2.6.0.3. ~~Transcription~~ Recording numbering

- ~~Transcribe~~ Record numbering as it appears on the source of information, following the general guidelines ~~on transcription~~ given under 1.6.

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2.6.1.3. Recording numeric and/or alphabetic designations

- If the first and/or last issue or part of a serial is identified by a numeric/alphabetic designation, or if this can be readily ascertained, record it following the basic instructions on recording numbering (see 2.6.0.3).

- Indicate whether the designation covers beginning or ending information.

Began with Vol. 1, no. 1

Ceased with no. 25

- ~~If the description is based on an issue or part other than the first and/or last, do not record the numeric and/or alphabetic designation.~~

◇ ~~Optionally, supply the numeric and/or alphabetic designation of the first and/or last issue or part if they can be readily ascertained.~~

- ~~Follow the numeric and/or alphabetic designation of the first issue or part by a hyphen.~~

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- ~~Precede the numeric and/or alphabetic designation by a hyphen when only the numbering of the last issue or part of a serial is given.~~

~~—no. 10~~

- If the sequence of numeric and/or alphabetic designation is continued from a previous serial, record the numeric and/or alphabetic designation of the first issue or part of the serial represented by the new description.

Began with Vol. 1, no. 6

(Designation appears on last issue of previous serial as: vol. 1, no. 5)

2.6.2.3. Recording chronological designations

- If the first and/or last issue or part of a serial is identified by a chronological designation, or if this can be readily ascertained, record it following the basic instructions on recording numbering (see 2.6.0.3). ~~If the description is based on an issue or part other than the first and/or last, do not record the chronological designation.~~

- Indicate whether the designation covers beginning or ending information.

Began with 1975

Began with Jan./Feb. 1964

Ceased with 1961/2

- ◇ *Optionally*, if the chronological designation includes dates not of the Gregorian or Julian calendar, add the corresponding dates of the Gregorian or Julian calendar in square brackets.

Alternative:

Give the beginning and ending information in a note (see 2.6.7.3).

➤ ~~Follow the chronological designation of the first issue or part by a hyphen.~~

~~1975-~~

~~Jan./Feb. 1964-~~

~~1961/2-~~

~~(Designation appears on issue as: 1961-2)~~

~~1999/2000-~~

~~(Designation appears on issue as: 1999-2000)~~

➤ ~~Precede the chronological designation by a hyphen when only the numbering of the last issue or part of a serial is given.~~

~~— Dec. 31, 1999~~

◇ *Optionally*, if the designation consists of a year and a number that is a division of the year, record the year before the number.

Began with 97-1

(Designation appears on part as: 1-97)

Ceased with 1998-1

(Designation appears on issue as: 1-1998)

2.6.7.3. Beginning and ending numbering note not recorded in the numbering element

➤ ~~If the description is based on an issue or part other than the first and/or last, make notes on beginning and ending numbering.~~

~~Ceased with no. 25.~~

Alternative:

Give the beginning and ending information in a note if the description is based on the first and/or last issue or part (see 2.6.7.3).

Note: subsequent instructions would need to be re-numbered.

Clean copy of proposed changes:

2.6.0.3. Recording numbering

- Record numbering information, following the general guidelines given under 1.6.

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Began with Vol. 1, no. 1

Ceased with no. 25

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