

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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SUBJECT: Compilers and editors of compilations – Amendments to RDA 20.2.1. British Library response.

The British Library thanks ACOC for the proposed revision of RDA 20.2.1. The British Library is in favour of bringing clarity to this area, which has caused difficulty. We think this proposal needs to be considered in the context of aggregate works, particularly the changes suggested by *6/JSC/EURIG/Discussion/3*.

We are not convinced that the clarification will really address the problem. What is the use case that is being addressed by the relationship designator “Editor of compilation”? From the user perspective, does the distinction between an “Editor” and an “Editor of Compilation” really matter?

EURIG also discussed this proposal at its meeting on 20th September. EURIG agreed with the intention of clarifying the instructions. As indicated in *6/JSC/EURIG/Discussion/3*, EURIG would prefer to deprecate Editor of Compilation. It was noted at the meeting, that the distinction between an Editor and an Editor of Compilation isn’t meaningful.