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To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3 : Discussion Paper

DNB thanks the Task Force on Machine-Actionable Data Elements for preparing this Discussion Paper. DNB advocates Option 3: "Retain Extent, modify description"(p. 10). RDA is a content standard for resource description and access, but it does not prescribe, how data should be recorded in data fields and how the data should be displayed. "How the data is recorded in a machine-readable record is left to an application."(p. 10). We agree with the rewording on page 10.

In general we think that a more general and comprehensive analysis is needed, for example also for edition statements.