

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative
Subject: **Proposed Revision of RDA Instructions for Government and Non-Government Corporate Bodies**

CCC thanks ALA for the proposed revisions to merge the instructions related to subordinate non-government, government and religious bodies. CCC generally approves the revisions unless indicated below:

Proposed instruction 11.2.2.14

CCC notes that the decisive criterion in the current instruction 11.2.2.14 is the name, while in 11.2.2.19 it is the agency. The wording preceding each list of types differs accordingly but only the wording from 11.2.2.14 was retained in the proposed instruction. Types 1 to 5 are in accord with the instruction. Types 6 to 18 come from 11.2.2.19 which tells us to examine the agencies themselves.

We see value in retaining the distinction between examining the name of a body vs. examining the body itself. For instance, examining the nature of Corporations Canada reveals that this is a government agency of the proposed 11.2.2.14 type 6.

CCC proposes additional wording to the proposed second paragraph of RDA 11.2.2.14:

Record the name of a subordinate or related body as a subdivision of the authorized access point representing the body to which it is subordinate or related if its name belongs to one or more of ~~the~~ types 1 to 5 listed below or if it is an agency of types 6 to 18 listed below. Make it a direct or indirect subdivision applying the instructions given under 11.2.2.15. Omit from the subdivision the name or abbreviation of the name of the higher or related body in noun form unless the omission would result in a name that does not make sense.

Recommendation # 3: Type 2

CCC notes the loss of the text from current 11.2.2.19 Type 2: "... name containing a word that normally implies administrative subordination in the terminology of the government concerned." The loss of the ability to uncover and employ this knowledge could result in some bodies not being recorded subordinately.

We propose the following modification to the proposed instruction at 11.2.2.14 Type 2 to retain the reference to terminology while still using the generic term, higher body.

TYPE 2. A name containing a term that normally implies administrative subordination in the terminology of the higher body concerned. (e.g., *Committee, Commission*), provided that the name of the higher body is required for the identification of the subordinate body.

Recommendation # 5: Type 4

CCC notes that the recommendation suggests omitting “the provision of RDA 11.2.2.19 that the name of the subordinate unit not contain the name of the government”. The proposed revision, however, substitutes similar wording; i.e., “and does not contain the name of the higher body”. CCC agrees with the revised wording. This will allow cataloguers to enter Canadian federal and provincial government names directly when the name of the government is contained in the name.

Recommendation # 8: Type 6 for non-government bodies

CCC is concerned about the costs vs. the benefit of eliminating type 6 and has concluded that the type should be retained.

Recommendation # 11: Legislative subcommittees

CCC appreciates the objective of eliminating the exception that calls for U.S. legislative subcommittees to be entered subordinately under the parent committee given that the name of a subcommittee may be used by more than one committee. However, as noted in the recommendation, legislative subcommittees of other countries are recorded under the name of the legislature of chamber. CCC would like to retain this instruction and offers the following revision:

11.2.2.19.2 Legislative Committees, Subcommittees, and Subordinate Units

Record the name of a legislative committee, subcommittee, or other subordinate unit as a subdivision of the authorized access point representing the body to which it is subordinate. For legislative subcommittees, omit the name of the committee if the name of the subcommittee is distinctive without it.