

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: **Clarifying core element status for “not identified” elements in the Distribution and Manufacture Statements (RDA 2.9 and 2.10))**

CCC thanks the American Library Association for this proposal. CCC supports the proposal with the following suggestions for revision.

We suggest not using the word “omit” in several of the proposed changes, considering that the probable intention is to say ‘do not record anything in the’ [name of element or sub-element]. “Omit” could be interpreted as leaving something out rather than not recording anything. We suggest the direct phrasing will be easier for users and translators. CCC offers the following revisions to alternatives accordingly. These changes are modelled on the wording already used in the respective basic instructions. Some of the suggested changes combine two conditions in an ‘if’ structure. In some cases, the words ‘cannot reasonably be determined’ were used to dissuade users from thinking they must do extensive searching in external sources.

2.9.2.6.5

Alternative

If neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of distribution can be determined, do not record the place of distribution.

2.9.4.7

Alternative

Do not record the distributor if:

no distributor is named within the resource itself

and

the distributor cannot be identified from other sources.

2.9.6.6

Alternative

If an approximate date of distribution cannot reasonably be determined, do not record the date of distribution.

2.10.2.6.5

Alternative

If neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of manufacture can be determined, do not record the place of manufacture.

2.10.4.7

Alternative

Do not record the manufacturer if:

no manufacturer is named within the resource itself

and

the manufacturer cannot be identified from other sources.

2.10.6.6

Alternative

If an approximate date of manufacture cannot reasonable be determined, do not record the date of manufacture.