

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Christine Frodl, DNB representative  
**Subject:** Revision of RDA 2.12.8 and 2.12.16, regarding recoding ISSNs

DNB thanks ALA and PCC for preparing this proposal. DNB agrees with this proposal. It provides uniform wording between 2.15.1.2 and 2.12.8.

During our daily work in the national ISSN Centre we recognized, that it is problematic to record an ISSN in an undifferentiated field without verification, and doing so, to create the impression that this is the authorized ISSN (assigned by the national ISSN Centre). Regularly, publishers indicate within the resource the ISSN of the journal, but often in fact it is only the supplement, which has an ISSN of its own. Furthermore we often observe that in title changes of a continuing resource, which would need a discrete ISSN for the new title form, the resource shows the ISSN of the predecessor. Those are reasons, why an ISSN recorded in an undifferentiated field is often not the authorized ISSN. Therefore we would like to suggest differentiating between two ISSN-fields:

- Authorized ISSN
- ISSN within the resource

**Proposed revisions:**

2.12.8.1

Scope

An *ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) of a series* is the identifier assigned to a series by an ISSN registration agency.

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Sources of Information

Take the ISSN of a series from any source ~~within the resource~~.

2.12.8.3

Recording the ISSN of a Series

~~If~~ Record the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) of a series as it appears on the source ~~within the resource, record it as it appears~~. If the ISSN undoubtful\*<sup>1</sup> could be identified as the ISSN assigned to this title then record the ISSN as an authorized ISSN. If there are any doubts about the origin of the ISSN record the ISSN as taken from any source.

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<sup>1</sup> \*can be ascertained in the ISSN-Portal via <http://portal.issn.org>

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