

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
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Subject: Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA: Discussion Paper (2013)

DNB thanks the ALA Task Force on Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3 for preparing this interesting Discussion paper. Especially the part which refers to the RDA/ONIX Framework for Resource Categorization is very important. To expand the framework and to "flesh it out" is, in our opinion, the right approach. During our work with RDA we recognized that the values in "specific carrier designations" and "specific content designations" are regarded as too broad.

Examples for rare book material and supplementing cartographic material would be appreciated. We also welcome the approach to review the terminology.

As we mentioned in our DNB response 2012, we think, that a more general and comprehensive analysis is needed, for example also for edition statements.

Some members of our community would like to state that the workload for cataloguing departments would increase by following this approach.

This discussion paper should also be discussed in connection with 6JSC/EURIG/Discussion/2 which presents a different approach.