

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Alan Danskin, BL representative

Subject: Proposed revision to Appendix B.1 General Guideline to explicitly include the usage of units of measure expressed as symbols. BL response

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BL thanks CCC for its proposal. BL accepts the intent of the proposal but BNF queried at the recent EURIG meeting whether greater prominence could be given to use of international standards. We therefore propose the following revision

Use abbreviations prescribed under B.7-B.11 as instructed under B.2-B.6.

Alternative

B.1 General Guideline

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When recording the attributes of a manifestation or item (see chapters 1-4) follow appropriate international standards on the use of abbreviations or of symbols for units of measure; or, if the agency creating the data has established in-house guidelines on the use of abbreviations or of symbols for units of measure, or has designated a published style manual, etc., as its preferred guide, use those guidelines or that style manual in place of the instructions given in this appendix.