

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Gordon Dunsire, CILIP Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 3.5.3 (Dimensions of still images)

CILIP thanks CCC for its proposed revision.

CILIP agrees with the proposal, but has some comments which it hopes will improve the clarity of the text.

1. "In some cases, it is difficult to determine the points for measuring the height and width of the pictorial area, etc., itself (e.g., when the shape is extremely irregular, or when it is printed without one or more of its borders). When this occurs, record the height \times width of the sheet. Indicate that the dimensions are for the sheet."

CILIP suggests this is better:

"If it is difficult to determine the points for measuring the height and width of the pictorial area, etc., itself (e.g., when the shape is extremely irregular, or when it is printed without one or more of its borders), record the height \times width of the sheet. Indicate that the dimensions are for the sheet."

2. Similarly: "In some cases, it is difficult to determine the points for measuring the height and width of the total pictorial area, or to assemble the image for measuring. When this occurs, record only the height \times width of the sheets. Indicate that the dimensions are for the sheets."

CILIP suggests this is better:

"If it is difficult to determine the points for measuring the height and width of the total pictorial area, or to assemble the image for measuring, record only the height \times width of the sheets. Indicate that the dimensions are for the sheets."

3. "If the pictorial area of an image is on sheets of more than two sizes, record the greatest height of any of the sheets followed by the greatest width of any of them, followed by *or smaller*."

CILIP thinks this is open to misinterpretation, as it could be satisfied if any sheet was selected and its height and width recorded, rather than the intended selection of the greatest height and the greatest width amongst all of the sheets. CILIP suggests it should be reworded.

CILIP notes, more generally, that the usage of "greater/greatest" and "larger/largest" appears to overlap in the text of the Toolkit dealing with measurement of dimensions and extent, and suggests this is reviewed to improve clarity and simplicity.