

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Christine Frodl, DNB Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 3.5.3 (Dimension of still images)

DNB thanks CCC for this proposal. We agree with the proposal and the suggested changes.

But we would not like to apply the rules on recording the height and width of sheets for early printed resources, because with these resources sheets were cut in different sizes and the size should only be recorded on the item level (rules for early printed resources might be added at RDA 3.21 if considered important). Therefore we would suggest adding exceptions to RDA 3.5.3.2., 3.5.3.5. and 3.5.3.6.

3.5.3.2. Recording dimensions of still images

...

[Text of the proposal]:

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 × width of the sheet. Indicate that the dimensions are for the sheet.

EXAMPLE

sheet 48 × 27 cm

Exception: Do not apply this rule for early printed resources.

3.5.3.5 Dimensions of Image in Relation to Dimensions of Sheet

[Text of the proposal]:

If:

the measurement of either dimension of the image is less than half the measurement of the same dimension of the sheet on which it is presented

or

there is substantial additional information on the sheet (e.g., text)

then:

record the dimensions of the image followed by the dimensions of the sheet (exclusive of any frame or mounting). Separate the dimensions by a comma and precede the dimensions of the sheet by *on sheet*.

EXAMPLE

20 × 31 cm, on sheet 42 × 50 cm

6 cm in diameter, plate mark 8 × 7 cm, on sheet 24 × 17 cm

Exception: Do not apply this rule for early printed resources

[Text of the proposal]:

3.5.3.6 Pictorial Area on Folded Sheet

If the pictorial area is presented on a sheet which is intended to be folded, record the dimensions of the pictorial area and add the dimensions of the sheet in folded form, preceded by a comma.

EXAMPLE

244 × 26 cm, folded to 30 × 26 cm

Dimensions of a wall chart

Exception: Do not apply this rule for early printed resources