

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Revision of RDA 1.6.2.2 and RDA 3.1.6.1 regarding change in media type of serials

ACOC thanks the ISSN International Centre for this proposal to revise the instructions relating to change in media type for serials.

We consider the proposed revision is actually about a change in carrier type rather than a change in media type. We acknowledge and support the response provided by LC, but we have an alternative suggestion for revision that we would like to put forward for consideration.

It is not clear to us that the caption to 1.6.2.2 Change in Media Type of a Serial needs to be broadened, and we are not convinced the suggested caption 'Change in Carrier Characteristics of a Serial' actually broadens it. It's not apparent to us that carrier characteristics encompasses media characteristics, and so we fail to understand how carrier characteristics can be said to cover everything that is talked about at this instruction (i.e., *both* media type *and* carrier type).

We think it's clearer to the cataloguer if the instructions about media type and carrier type are covered separately rather than under the same heading.

We suggest retaining the current wording of 1.6.2.2, and adding a new provision directly below it, using the wording suggested by LC –

1.6.2.3 Change in Carrier Type of a Serial

Create a new description if there is a change in the carrier type of a serial from any other computer carrier to *online resource*, or vice versa (see 3.1.6.1 [RDA](#)).

And then renumber the ensuing provisions.

We support LC's proposed revision of RDA 3.1.6.1 as suggested –

3.1.6.1 Multipart Monographs and Serials

For multipart monographs and serials, if there is a change in the media type in a subsequent issue or part, create a new description (see [1.6 RDA](#)).

If the carrier type (see [3.3 RDA](#)) or other characteristics of the carrier (see [3.6–3.20 RDA](#)) are changed (or if new carrier characteristics are introduced), record the changed (or new) characteristics as instructed for those elements. Make a note if the change is considered important for identification or selection (see [3.22.6.3.1 RDA](#)).

EXCEPTION

Serials. Create a new description if there is a change in the carrier type of a serial from any other computer carrier to *online resource*, or vice versa (see [1.6 RDA](#)).