

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Barbara Tillett, LC Representative
Subject: Major title changes for serials in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean (RDA 2.3.2.13.1, ISBD A.2.6.1 and ISSN 2.3.1), discussion paper about the “first five words” rule

LC thanks the ISSN International Centre for raising the issue of the “first five words,” and looks forward to the results of the further testing to be performed by the Centre. We remain willing to re-consider the “first five words” rule should the investigations prove that alternative criteria can be developed that 1) do not significantly increase the requirement of new descriptions, and 2) can be quickly and easily applied by catalogers.