

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
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Subject: Major and minor title changes for serials in languages which do not divide text into words: proposal for new wordings and instructions

The text below reflects the decisions made by the Joint Steering Committee during its November 2014 meeting and via email after the meeting. The March 12 revision corrected some typographical errors; this revision corrects other typographical errors found during the editing process.

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2.3.2.13.1 Major Changes

For major changes in the title proper of a serial, apply these instructions, as appropriate:

languages and scripts that divide text into words (see 2.3.2.13.1.1)

languages and scripts that do not divide text into words (see 2.3.2.13.1.2).

2.3.2.13.1.1 Languages and Scripts That Divide Text into Words

In general, consider the following to be major changes in a title proper written in a language and script that divides text into words:

[content below is unchanged from what was at 2.3.2.13.1]

- a) the addition, deletion, change, or reordering of any of the first five words (the first six words if the title begins with an article) unless the change belongs to one or more of the categories listed as minor changes (see 2.3.2.13.2)
- b) the addition, deletion, or change of any word after the first five words (the first six words if the title begins with an article) that changes the meaning of the title or indicates a different subject matter
- c) a change of name for a corporate body included anywhere in the title if the changed name is for a different corporate body.

2.3.2.13.1.2 Languages and Scripts That Do Not Divide Text into Words

In general, consider the following to be major changes in a title proper written in a language and script that does not divide text into words:

- a) the addition, deletion, change, or reordering of any component (i.e., a character or group of characters) of the title proper

that changes the meaning of the title or indicates a different subject matter

- b) a change of name for a corporate body included anywhere in the title if the changed name is for a different corporate body.

2.3.2.13.2 Minor Changes

In general, consider the following to be minor changes in a title proper:

- a) a difference in the representation of a word, words, or other component (i.e., a character or group of characters) anywhere in the title such as

change in the form of the character
 one spelling vs. another
 abbreviated word or sign or symbol vs. spelled-out form
 arabic numeral vs. roman numeral
 number or date vs. spelled-out form
 hyphenated word vs. unhyphenated word
 one-word compound vs. two-word compound, whether
 hyphenated or not
 acronym or initialism vs. full form

or

change in grammatical form (e.g., singular vs. plural)

- b) the addition, deletion, or change of articles, prepositions, or conjunctions (or, in languages which do not use those, analogous parts of speech that have little lexical meaning but express grammatical relationships) anywhere in the title

[paragraphs c), d), and e) unchanged]

- f) the addition, deletion, or change of a word, words, or other component (i.e., a character or group of characters) anywhere in the title that link the title to the numbering

[paragraph g) unchanged]

- h) the addition to, deletion from, or change in the order of a word, words, or other component (i.e., a character or group of characters) in a list anywhere in the title, provided that there is no significant change in the subject matter

- i) the addition, deletion, or rearrangement anywhere in the title of a word, words, or other component (i.e., a character or group of characters) that indicate the type of resource, such as "magazine," "journal," or "newsletter" or their equivalent in other languages.

[last paragraph unchanged]