

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative
Subject: Change in mode of issuance for online resources: proposal for a revised instruction.

ACOC thanks ISSN for this proposal to amend the instructions at 1.6.2.1. ACOC supports the proposal in general, although we would prefer not to have special/different instructions for online publications.

However, ACOC does not support the addition of an exception. ACOC believes that it would be preferable for cataloguers to follow the proposed instruction to redescribe from the earliest issue of the online serial, with notes as needed to cover the former issuance as an integrating resource. We consider that an exception would increase the potential confusion among cataloguers with regard to decisions about creating a new description or simply updating the existing description for the integrating resource. The exception may lead cataloguers to create a new description beginning with its serial mode of issuance rather than simply updating the existing description of the former integrating resource, depending on their awareness of historical changes to the title of an integrating resource.