

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Recording dates in more than one calendar (RDA 2.6.7.1, 2.6.9.1, 2.7.6.3, 2.8.6.3, 2.8.6.3, 2.10.6.3)

ACOC thanks LC for this proposal to revise the instructions for recording dates in more than one calendar. We support the proposal in part.

ACOC agrees to the proposed changes of the CORE ELEMENT statements, but not to the introduction of the Optional Omissions.

LC notes the proposed CORE ELEMENT acts as an Optional Omission and we consider the revised CORE ELEMENT statements in each of Change 1 and Change 2 to be sufficient in providing clear instruction to the cataloguer. Optional Omissions provide dispensation to omit something, but are not required here where the CORE ELEMENT statements are prescriptive.

We note LC's comment in the Background section of the paper that there is some difficulty in explaining this aspect of CORE ELEMENT statements in training, but have not ourselves encountered this as a practical problem.