

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, ACOC representative

Subject: Changes in content characteristics

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ACOC agrees with the addition of a note on changes in content characteristics.

Of the two options presented ACOC prefers the second option. Although option 1 is simpler, option 2 is more consistent with the existing instructions. It most closely parallels the treatment of Changes in carrier characteristics at 3.22.6 in that it is a single instruction covering all changes to a set of characteristics (most notes currently in RDA relate to data recorded in a single specified element), it is placed after all the other more specific notes, and it is broken down into separate instructions for *Monographs and serials* and *Integrating resources*.

If the JSC were to decide to pursue option 1 we suggest the following changes to the wording in the LC proposal.

If it is known that the characteristic does not apply to the entire resource, identify the applicable part or iteration to which it applies for that characteristic if considered to be important.