UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR   DATE: Dec. 1, 2011

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SUBJECT: Changes in content characteristics

This revision incorporates changes discussed at the 2011 JSC meeting; it does require a **JSC response by December 19, 2011**. See the section "Discussion at November 2011 JSC meeting" below. Changes in the original proposal are highlighted in yellow.

Background

RDA chapter 7 lacks an instruction for changes in content characteristics over time. Content characteristics (e.g., language, script, presence of illustrations, presence of supplementary content) do change from one issue/part to another issue/part of multipart monographs and serials and between iterations of integrating resources. Not all changes in content characteristics are important enough to note but some changes do affect the user tasks of identification and selection.

Discussion at November 2011 JSC meeting

The JSC asked LC to prepare a revision of the original proposal's possible revision #2 (RDA 7.29) by adding a new element "Note on content" and a new element sub-type "Note on changes in content characteristics."

As part of this revision, LC is recommending changing both the name of the existing manifestation element "Note" to "Note on Manifestation or Item" and the name of the new element from "Note on Content" to "Note on Expression." LC recommends these changes to clarify the scope of both elements to avoid any confusion that "Note on Content" was sub-type of "Note." LC also recommends slight changes in the definitions of both elements. Revisions of 2.20 and 3.22 are also given below.

Proposed revision of the Glossary

Note on ~~Content~~ Expression	An annotation providing additional information relating to content recorded ~~in another element~~ as an expression attribute.

Note on Changes in Content Characteristics	A note on changes in content characteristics that occur in subsequent issues or parts of a resource issued in successive parts or between iterations of an integrating resource.
Note on Manifestation or Item	An annotation providing additional information relating to manifestation or item attributes ~~data recorded in another element~~.
[no change needed]: Note on Changes in Carrier Characteristics	A note on changes in carrier characteristics that occur in subsequent issues or parts of a resource issued in successive parts or between iterations of an integrating resource.

Proposed revision of 2.20

2.20   Note on Manifestation or Item

2.20.1   Basic Instructions on Making Notes on Manifestations or Items

2.20.1.1   Scope

A note on manifestation or item▼ is an annotation providing additional information relating to manifestation or item attributes ~~data recorded in another element~~.

2.20.1.2   Sources of Information

Take information for notes on manifestation or item from any source.

2.20.1.3   Making Notes on Manifestation or Item

When making a note on manifestation or item, apply the general guidelines on notes given under 1.10 RDA.

Proposed revision of 3.22

3.22   Note on Manifestation or Item

3.22.1   Basic Instructions on Making Notes on Manifestations or Items

3.22.1.1   Scope

A note on manifestation or item▼ is an annotation providing additional information relating to manifestation or item attributes ~~data recorded in another element~~.

3.22.1.2   Sources of Information

                Take information for notes on manifestation or item from any source.

3.22.1.3   Making Notes on Manifestation or Item

                When making a note on manifestation or item, apply the general
                guidelines on notes given under 1.10 RDA.

New instruction at 7.29

Add a new element "Note on expression" and a new element sub-type "Note on changes
to content characteristics" to RDA. The proposed RDA 7.29 is patterned on the general
approach in RDA 3.22.1 and 3.22.6 rather than on the chapter 2 handling of change at
each element, etc., because it is not known how many of the chapter 7 elements could
change over time. [All content is new; double underlining has not been included.]

7.29   Note on Expression

7.29.1   Basic Instructions on Making Notes on Expression

7.29.1.1   Scope

                A note on expression▼ is an annotation providing additional
                information relating to ~~data~~ content recorded as an expression
                attribute. ~~in another element.~~

7.29.1.2   Sources of Information
                Take information for notes on expression from any source.

7.29.1.3   Making Notes on Expression
                When making a note on expression, apply the general guidelines on
                notes given under 1.10.

7.29.2   Note on Changes in Content Characteristics

7.29.2.1   Scope
                A note on changes in content characteristics is a note providing
                information on changes in content characteristics that occur in
                subsequent issues or parts of a resource issued in successive parts or
                between iterations of an integrating resource.

7.29.2.2   Sources of Information

                Use evidence presented by the resource itself (or on any
                accompanying material or container) as the basis for making notes on
                changes in content characteristics of the expression. If desired, take
                additional evidence from any source.

7.29.2.3   Changes in Content Characteristics

Make notes on changes in content characteristics as instructed under 7.29.2.3.1 (multipart monographs and serials) or 7.29.2.3.2 (integrating resources), as applicable.

7.29.2.3.1   Multipart Monographs and Serials

If a content characteristic is changed in a subsequent issue or part, make a note if the change is considered important for identification or selection. If the changes have been numerous, a general statement may be made.

EXAMPLE

Volumes 1-3 in French, volumes 4-7 in German.

Armenian, 1999-2007; Cyrillic, 2008-

Volumes 3-5 lack illustrations.

Volumes 1, 4, and 8 lack indexes.

7.29.2.3.2   Integrating Resources

Make notes on content characteristics no longer present on the current iteration if the change is considered important for identification or selection. If the changes have been numerous, a general statement may be made.

EXAMPLE

In French and English, 2002-2009
Web site now only in French

Proposed change in Index