

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
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Subject: RDA and FRBROO treatment of aggregates

DNB thanks the Aggregates Working Group for their proposal and their analysis.

The proposal discusses the treatment of aggregate monographs in the FRBROO model and compares it with the current treatment in RDA. The current RDA treatment is based on the "flat FRBR model", which seems to be unaffected by the consolidated FRBR-LRM model (as the proposal states on page 15). The world-wide review of FRBR-LRM is planned to start in early 2016, and as we do not yet know the details of that report and the proposed treatment of aggregates, we are inclined to recommend awaiting further developments.

On a conceptual level, we feel the need for more detailed examples as we are not quite sure about the collapsed versions and the elimination of the Self-Contained Expression in Example 1, as the latter is provided in Example 2. Whole/part-relationships (especially as far as multipart monographs are concerned) are of great interest to us considering the use of hierarchical descriptions in Germany and Austria.

We are equally unsure about the proposal's intention resp. the consequences for RDA: As the paper states that "RDA might therefore provide instructions compatible with both models [the FRBROO model and the current flat FRBR model] [...]" we are interested in the JSC's appraisal of the consequences on RDA guidelines. We would appreciate an analysis of affected RDA chapters to gain a better understanding of intended provisions and their impact.