

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Trina Soderquist, NARDAC representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/3 – Proposal for Manifestation: extent of unit and its subtype elements

Recommendation 1. Create the element Manifestation: extent of unit.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

Recommendation 2. Add Manifestation: bibliographic format as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Update the Prerecording section to include the language providing the option of using a value of Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

Recommendation 3. Retain this element as a subtype of Manifestation: sound characteristic. Replace the element reference label “tape configuration” with “number of recording tracks”. Add Manifestation: number of recording tracks as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Update the Prerecording section to include the language providing the option of using a value of Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

Also consider renaming Manifestation: details of tape configuration to Manifestation: details of number of recording tracks.

Recommendation 4.1. Update the definition of Manifestation: dimensions. Add Manifestation: dimensions as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Update the Prerecording section to include the language providing the option of using a value of Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with a suggested amendment below.

Update the proposed definition to make it clear that both a single dimension and a set of dimensions may be recorded using the element Manifestation: dimensions.

Revised proposed definition: A measurement or a set of measurements of the size of a unit of a manifestation. Dimensions may include measurements of height, width, depth, length, gauge, and diameter.

Recommendation 4.2. Update the current **Prerecording** Condition Options for still images and cartographic images to refer to the element Manifestation: dimensions of embodied content instead. Retain the three options under **Recording**.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

Recommendation 4.3. Move the instructions under **Recording an unstructured description** to Community Resources. The instructions related to containers will be associated with the element Manifestation: dimensions of container.

NARDAC rejects with the recommendation to move the instructions under **Recording an unstructured description** to Community Resources. These instructions do not seem to reference a string encoding scheme. Instead, they stipulate which measurements of a manifestation should be recorded.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation to move the instructions related to containers to the element Manifestation: dimensions of container.

Recommendation 4.4. Under a new structured description section for Manifestation: dimensions, provide options that specify a stipulated order for dimensions of various carriers.

NARDAC rejects the recommendation. Base RDA should not include instructions for applying a string encoding scheme, and it seems that prescribing an order for recording dimensions is the same as applying a string encoding scheme.

Recommendation 5.1. Remove *leaf* from the **RDA Carrier Extent Unit** vocabulary encoding scheme. A *leaf* is not a value for unitary structure but refers to a subunit of a volume and is proposed to be used in values for Manifestation: extent of unit.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation and suggests that the instructions include an option for how to use *leaf* as a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.

Recommendation 5.2. Update the glossary definition of *leaf*.

NARDAC rejects the recommendation. We prefer the current definition because it clearly differentiates between a *leaf* and a *sheet*.

Revised proposed definition: A physical unit that ~~derives from a single sheet~~ consists of a single bound or fastened sheet as a subunit of a volume; each leaf may embody content on two pages, one on each side.

Recommendation 5.3. Update the glossary definition of *updating loose-leaf* to use the term *leaves* instead of *pages* as *pages* refers to layout of embodied content.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

Recommendation 5.4. Add *panel* to the glossary. All panels including blank panels are counted. The term *panel* can be used in a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation and suggests that the instructions include an option for how to use *panel* as a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.

Recommendation 5.5. Add *folded leaf* to the glossary. The definition treats a folded leaf like a folded sheet but bound in a volume. The term *folded leaf* can be used in a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.

NARDAC approves with the recommendation, with suggested amendments below.

Revise the definition so it is clear that a folded leaf is like a folded sheet but bound in a volume.

Revised proposed definition: A physical unit that derives from a single sheet bound in a volume; each folded leaf is designed to have a layout of embodied content in pages when folded.

Add instructions for how to use *folded leaf* as a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.