

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

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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**.

Provisionally approve.

I would like to see a fuller set of instructions beyond the **Prerecording** section to get a better sense of how this new element will fit into the overall suite of extent proposals.

Recommendation 2: Add Manifestation: **bibliographic format** as a subtype of Manifestation: **extent of unit**.

Approve.

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**.

Provisionally approve.

Is it correct that Manifestation: **number of recording tracks** will become a subtype of two different element supertypes (Manifestation: **sound characteristic** and Manifestation: **extent of unit**)? Perhaps this would not cause any technical issues, but will this cause confusion for RDA users?

Recommendation 4.1: Update the definition of Manifestation: **dimensions**. Add Manifestation: **dimensions** as a subtype of Manifestation: **extent of unit**.

Approve.

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**.

Approve.

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**.

Approve, with additional considerations.

Will the instructions essentially be cut and pasted into Community Resources? Will there be information within the base RDA instructions that directs users to the moved text? My concern is that users may become frustrated if it is difficult to locate these very important instructions.

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

Approve.

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**.

Approve.

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

Approve.

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.

Approve.

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**.

Approve.

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**.

Approve, with suggested amendment.

The proposed definition sounds a lot like a folded sheet. Is the key difference between the terms the fact that a folded leaf is typically bound in a volume while a folded sheet is not? A suggested revision follows:

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

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