

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
From: Jack Ennis Butler, ORDAC representative

Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/5/ - Proposal for Manifestation: extent of embodied content and its subtype elements

ORDAC thanks the Extent Working Group for preparing this proposal. ORDAC notes concerns of elements belonging to multiple superelements.

**Recommendation 1**

Approve

ORDAC approves of this recommendation, and suggests an option for structured description be added to “Extent of embodied content” following the example of structured description as proposed in “Extent of manifestation”

**Recommendation 2.1**

Approve

**Recommendation 2.2**

Approve

**Recommendation 2.3**

Approve

**Recommendation 3**

Approve

**Recommendation 4**

Approve

**Recommendation 5**

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**Recommendation 6**

Approve

**Recommendation 7**

Approve

ORDAC asks whether the RDA Layout Unit of Embodied Content Vocabulary Encoding Scheme is an appropriate vocabulary for inclusion of the term “tête-bêche” as defined in ISBD for Manifestation ([ISBD for Manifestation](#))

**Recommendation 7.1**

Approve

**Recommendation 7.2**

Approve

**Recommendation 7.3**

Conditionally approve

ORDAC suggests the proposed definition be amended to: A layout of embodied content where text is inscribed in a horizontal or vertical row on parchment.