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To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
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Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/7, Proposal for Manifestation: extent of embodied content and its subtype elements

This proposal clarifies what RDA means by a container and standardises how containers are described, counted, and measured. It ensures that boxes, sleeves, cases, and similar housings are treated consistently and separately from the item they hold. I suppose the list is not exhaustive so it can be expanded at a later time.

Recommendation 1: Retain and update the glossary entry for container from the RDA Recording Source vocabulary encoding scheme.
Approve.
The definition of "container" is very clear.

Recommendation 2: Create the element Manifestation: number of containers.
Approve.

Recommendation 3: Create the element Manifestation: dimensions of containers.
Approve.

Recommendation 4: Create the element Manifestation: extent of storage space.
Approve.

Recommendation 5: Create a new vocabulary encoding scheme RDA Containers.
Approve.

Recommendation 5.1: case
Approve.

Recommendation 5.2: portfolio
Approve.

Recommendation 5.3: album
Approve.

Recommendation 5.4: box
Approve.

Recommendation 5.5: bradded folder
Approve.

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Recommendation 5.6: folder
Approve.

Recommendation 5.7: sleeve
Approve.