

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Getaneh Alemu, WCEO
Subject: Formal response to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/1 – Soft-deprecated elements related to Manifestation: material

Approve: The proposal is well-justified and suggests removing redundant, soft-deprecated elements with minimal impact while preserving functionality by recording values as unstructured descriptions of broader elements. **It is, however, important that the implications (having little or no impact) of this change are clearly communicated to the wider RDA community to support consistent implementation.**

Recommendation 1: Remove the following elements from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry, and remove the prerecording instructions in the Toolkit recommending the cataloger to use Manifestation: material:

Recommendation 1.1: Manifestation: applied material
Approve.

Recommendation 1.2: Manifestation: base material
Approve.

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Recommendation 1.3: Manifestation: emulsion on microfilm and microfiche
Approve.

Recommendation 1.4 : Manifestation: mount
Approve.