

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

Subject: Formal response to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/2/- Soft-deprecated elements:
“Details” elements

ORDAC thanks the Technical Working Group for submitting this proposal. ORDAC approves the recommendations. However in two cases we suggest shifting options to the *Recording an unstructured description section* of the broader elements to assist cataloguing communities. See 1.5 and 1.8 below.

We look forward to seeing proposals RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3 and RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4 in due course.

Recommendation 1.1

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

Recommendation 1.2

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Recommendation 1.3

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Recommendation 1.4

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

Recommendation 1.5

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

ORDAC suggests moving this condition set to the element *Expression: form of tactile notation*.

Retention of this condition set provides clarity for cataloguers working with these materials.

CONDITION

A form of tactile notation uses contractions.

The level of contraction is known.

CONDITION OPTION

Record a value according to national practice followed by the agent who creates the metadata.

Recommendation 1.6

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

Recommendation 1.7

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

Recommendation 1.8

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

ORDAC suggests the moving this condition set to *Manifestation: applied material*.

Retention of this condition allows institutions to continue using the phrase *mixed materials* if desired.

CONDITION

A manifestation is known to have multiple applied materials but not all can be readily identified.

CONDITION OPTION

Record *mixed materials*.

Recommendation 1.9

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

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