

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
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Subject: Formal response to Soft-deprecated elements: “Details” elements

Overall, I am of the view that these elements were correctly identified during the 3R Project as unnecessary refinements or redundant unstructured notes/descriptions and that their full deprecation will not disrupt current and future cataloguing practice. I therefore approve the proposal in full, on the basis that deprecation does not remove the ability to record the same information but rather requires that it be recorded as an unstructured description of the associated broader element. **It is, however, important that the implications of this change are clearly communicated to the wider RDA community to support consistent implementation.**

Recommendation 1: Fully deprecate the following elements in the RDA Registry and remove them from the Toolkit. Remove these elements from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry, and add them to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements, to be included in the Registry.

Recommendation 1.1: Expression: details of aspect ratio designation  
Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit

Approve.

Recommendation 1.2: Expression: details of duration Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.3: Expression: details of form of musical notation Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.4: Expression: details of form of notated movement Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.5: Expression: details of form of tactile notation  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.6: Expression: details of format of notated music Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.7: Expression: details of script  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.8: Manifestation: details of applied material  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.9: Manifestation: details of base material  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.10: Manifestation: details of bibliographic format  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.11: Manifestation: details of broadcast standard  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.12: Manifestation: details of cartographic data type  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.13: Manifestation: details of configuration of playback channels

Recommendation 1.14: Manifestation: details of digital file characteristic  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.15: Manifestation: details of digital representation of cartographic  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.16: Manifestation: details of emulsion on microfilm and microfiche  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.17: Manifestation: details of encoding format  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.18: Manifestation: details of file type  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.19: Manifestation: details of font size  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.20: Manifestation: details of generation

Approve.

Recommendation 1.21: Manifestation: details of groove characteristic

Approve.

Recommendation 1.22: Manifestation: details of layout

Approve.

Recommendation 1.23: Manifestation: details of mount

Approve.

Recommendation 1.24: Manifestation: details of playing

Approve.

Recommendation 1.25: Manifestation: details of polarity

Approve.

Recommendation 1.26: Manifestation: details of presentation format

Approve.

Recommendation 1.27: Manifestation: details of production method

Approve.

Recommendation 1.28: Manifestation: details of projection characteristic of a motion picture film

Approve.

Recommendation 1.29: Manifestation: details of projection speed

Approve.

Recommendation 1.30: Manifestation: details of recording medium

Approve.

Recommendation 1.31: Manifestation: details of reduction ratio designation

Approve.

Recommendation 1.32: Manifestation: details of regional encoding

Approve.

Recommendation 1.33: Manifestation: details of sound characteristic

Approve.

Recommendation 1.34: Manifestation: details of special playback characteristic  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.35: Manifestation: details of tape configuration  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.36: Manifestation: details of track configuration  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.37: Manifestation: details of type of recording  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.38: Manifestation: details of video characteristic  
Approve.

Recommendation 1.39: Manifestation: details of video format  
Approve.