

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

CC: Anne Welsh, Secretary, RDA Steering Committee

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Subject: Formal response to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5, Soft-deprecated “Note on” elements

The Examples Editor thanks the Technical Team Liaison Officer and the Technical Working Group for this detailed and thoughtful proposal.

Recommendation 1.1: Introduce the element Expression: **note on category of expression**.

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Throughout the Toolkit, the wording used to define “Category of” elements is “A type to which an [element] belongs.” For example, the definition and scope of Work: **category of work** is “A type to which a work belongs.” Additionally, although most of these elements will be deprecated if the proposal is approved, current “Note on” elements use the wording “provides information on” rather than “provides information about.” Text in the Toolkit also tends to use indefinite rather than definite articles (e.g., “an expression” rather than “the expression”). For the sake of consistency, I suggest the following revision to the definition and scope of the new element:

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Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information ~~about specific~~
~~categories~~ on a type to which ~~the~~ an expression belongs.

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Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information on a type to which an expression belongs.

Recommendation 1.2: Introduce the element Expression: **note on content characteristic of expression**.

Approve, with suggested amendments.

The definition and scope in the proposal appears to be a typo, since it repeats the definition and scope for Expression: **note on category of expression** in Recommendation 1.1. I suggest the following revision:

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Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information ~~about specific categories to which the~~ on an aspect of the content of an expression belongs.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information on an aspect of the content of an expression.

Recommendation 1.3: Introduce the element Expression: **note on entity associated with expression**.

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ an expression.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information on an entity that is related to an expression.

Recommendation 1.4: Introduce the element Item: **note on category of item**.

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on item that provides information ~~about specific categories~~ on a type to which ~~the~~ an item belongs.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on item that provides information on a type to which an item belongs.

Recommendation 1.5: Change the element label for Item: **modification of item** to Item: **note on modification of item** and change definition and scope.

Approve.

Recommendation 1.6: Introduce the element Item: **note on entity associated with item**.

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on ~~expression~~ item that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ an item.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on item that provides information on an entity that is related to an item.

Recommendation 1.7: Introduce the element Manifestation: **note on category of manifestation**.

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on ~~item~~ manifestation that provides information ~~about specific categories~~ on a type to which ~~the~~ a manifestation belongs.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on a type to which a manifestation belongs.

Recommendation 1.8: Introduce the element Manifestation: **note on statement associated with manifestation.**

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information ~~about~~ on a manifestation statement, or ~~about~~ on another statement element used to describe a manifestation.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on a manifestation statement, or on another statement element used to describe a manifestation.

Recommendation 1.9: Introduce the element Manifestation: **note on physical characteristic of manifestation.**

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on ~~the~~ a physical ~~characteristic~~ aspect of a manifestation.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on a physical aspect of a manifestation.

Recommendation 1.10: Introduce the element Manifestation: **note on entity associated with manifestation.**

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ a manifestation.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on an entity that is related to a manifestation.

Recommendation 1.11: Introduce the element Work: **note on category of work.**

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information ~~about specific~~ categories on a type to which ~~the~~ a work belongs.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on a type to which a work belongs.

Recommendation 1.12: Introduce the element Work: **note on content characteristic of work.**

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on an aspect of the content of ~~the~~ a work.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on an aspect of the content of a work.

Recommendation 1.13: Introduce the element Work: **note on entity associated with work.**

Approve, with suggested amendments.

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ a work.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on an entity that is related to a work.

Recommendation 2.1: Change the Condition Option under Guidance->Resource description->Describing an expression ([32.13.85.69](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 2.2: Change the condition options under Guidance->Resource description->Describing a manifestation ([06.26.53.93](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 2.3: Under Work: **note on metadata work**, add text.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.1: Fully deprecate Expression: **details of cartographic content** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.1.1: Under Work: **longitude**, at [15.43.55.04](#), change the option and move it to the **Recording an unstructured description** section.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.1.2: Under Work: **latitude**, at [90.95.59.79](#), change the option and move it to the **Recording an unstructured description** section.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.1.3: Under Work: **longitude and latitude**, at [39.69.75.17](#), change the option.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.1.4: Under Expression: **projection of cartographic content**, at [84.33.34.26](#), change the text.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2: Fully deprecate Expression: **note on capture** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Expression: **note on capture** as a narrower element of Expression: **capture information**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.1: Under Expression: **capture information**, add scope note to the Definition and scope.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.2: Under Expression: **capture information**, remove Expression: **note on capture** from the list of element subtypes.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.3: Under Expression: **capture information**, add option under **Recording an unstructured description**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3: Fully deprecate Expression: **note on changes in content characteristics** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Expression: **note on changes in content characteristics** as a narrower element of Expression: **note on expression**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.4: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on carrier** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on carrier** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.5: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on changes in carrier characteristics** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.6: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on copyright date** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on copyright date** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.6.1: Under Manifestation: **copyright date**, change Option ([97.27.61.90](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.7: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on dimensions of manifestation** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.8: Fully deprecate Item: **note on dimensions of item** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Item: **note on dimensions of item** as a narrower element of Item: **note on item**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.9: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on distribution statement** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on distribution statement** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.9.1: Under Manifestation: **name of distributor**, change condition option ([09.89.61.94](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.9.2: Under Manifestation: **place of distribution**, change condition options ([76.02.02.29](#))

Approve.

Recommendation 3.9.3: Under Manifestation: **date of distribution**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.10: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on edition statement** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on edition statement** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.10.1: Under **Manifestation: edition statement**, change condition option ([52.63.25.70](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.11: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on extent of manifestation** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.11.1: Under Manifestation: **extent of manifestation**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.12: Fully deprecate Item: **note on extent of item** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Item: **note on extent of item** as a narrower element of Item: **note on item**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.13: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on identifier for manifestation** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on identifier for manifestation** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.14: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on issue or part or iteration used as basis for identification of manifestation** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on issue or part or iteration used as basis for identification** of manifestation as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.15: Fully Manifestation: **note on manufacture statement** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on manufacture statement** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.15.1: Under Manifestation: **name of manufacturer**, change condition option ([26.42.56.31](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.15.2: Under Manifestation: **place of manufacture**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.15.3: Under Manifestation: **date of manufacture**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.16: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on numbering of sequence** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on numbering of sequence** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.16.1: Under Manifestation: **numbering of sequence**, change option ([05.40.78.44](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.17: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on production statement** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on production statement** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.17.1: Under Manifestation: **name of producer**, change condition option ([72.20.71.82](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.17.2: Under Manifestation: **place of production**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.17.3: Under Manifestation: **date of production**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.18: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on publication statement** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on publication statement** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.18.1: Under Manifestation: **name of publisher**, change condition option ([21.51.33.04](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.18.2: Under Manifestation: **place of publication**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.18.3: Under Manifestation: **date of publication**, change condition options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.19: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on series statement** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on series statement** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.19.1: Under Manifestation: **series statement**, change option ([61.68.97.28](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.20: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on statement of responsibility** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on statement of responsibility** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.20.1: Under Manifestation: **statement of responsibility**, change condition option ([85.74.58.14](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.20.2: Under Manifestation: **statement of responsibility related to title proper**, change options.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.21: Fully deprecate Manifestation: **note on title** in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit. Remove Manifestation: **note on title** as a narrower element of Manifestation: **note on manifestation**.

Approve.

Recommendation 3.21.1: Under Manifestation: **title proper**, change condition option ([08.80.65.35](#)).

Approve.

Recommendation 3.21.2: Under Manifestation: **title of manifestation**, change condition option ([83.86.81.01](#)).

Approve.