

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
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Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/3, Proposal for Manifestation:  
extent of unit and its subtype elements

### **General remarks**

Many thanks to Extent Working Group for their work in compiling this proposal.

### **Recommendation 1: Create the element Manifestation: extent of unit.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 2: Add Manifestation: bibliographic format as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Update the Prerecording section to include the language providing the option of using a value of Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 3: Update Manifestation: number of recording tracks [current label: tape configuration]. Retain this element as a subtype of Manifestation: sound characteristic. Replace the element reference label “tape configuration” with “number of recording tracks”. Add Manifestation: number of recording tracks as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Update the Prerecording section to include the language providing the option of using a value of Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.**

I approve. (Note: In the Summary of recommendations this recommendation starts with “Retain this element as a subtype of Manifestation: sound characteristic.” It should rather start with “Update Manifestation: number of recording tracks [current label: tape configuration]”. Here, I completed the original phrasing with that.)

**Recommendation 4.1: Update the definition of Manifestation: dimensions. Add Manifestation: dimensions as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Update the Prerecording section to include the language providing the option of using a value of Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 4.2: Update the current Prerecording Condition Options for still images and cartographic images to refer to the element Manifestation: dimensions of embodied content instead. Retain the three options under Recording.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 4.3: Move the instructions under Recording an unstructured description to Community Resources. The instructions related to containers will be associated with the element Manifestation: dimensions of container.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 4.4: Under a new structured description section for Manifestation: dimensions, provide options that specify a stipulated order for dimensions of various carriers.**

I approve, however adding an option for recording only height should be considered.

**Recommendation 5.1: Remove leaf from the RDA Carrier Extent Unit vocabulary encoding scheme. A leaf is not a value for unitary structure but refers to a subunit of a volume and is proposed to be used in values for Manifestation: extent of unit.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 5.2: Update the glossary definition of leaf.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 5.3: Update the glossary definition of updating loose-leaf to use the term leaves instead of pages as pages refers to layout of embodied content.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 5.4: Add panel to the glossary. All panels including blank panels are counted. The term panel can be used in a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 5.5: Add folded leaf to the glossary. The definition treats a folded leaf like a folded sheet but bound in a volume. The term folded leaf can be used in a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.**

I approve.