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Subject: Technical Working Group formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/4: Proposal for Manifestation: **Extent of aggregated content**

Recommendation 1.1: Create the element Manifestation: **extent of aggregated content**

Provisionally approve.

The Technical Working Group recommends using the phrase "kind of expression" instead of "category of expression" in the definition, to match language used elsewhere in the proposal and to avoid confusion with Expression: **category of expression**. The group also recommends clarifying if the element can used when a single kind of expression is present, or if there are multiple expressions that are not feasible to count and supply with a specific number. One suggested definition was:

> **extent of aggregated content:**
>
> A number of one or more of the expressions of the same kind that are embodied in a manifestation.

Recommendation 1.2: Refer the issue of using terms from the vocabulary encoding scheme RDA Format of Notated Music for a possible source of values for Manifestation: **extent of aggregated content** to the RSC Music Working Group.

Approve.

Recommendation 2: Update Manifestation: **illustrative content** to use values from **RDA Aggregated Content**

Approve.

The Technical Working Group thinks that it may be time to consider deprecating Manifestation: **illustrative content** entirely, as well as the **RDA Illustrative Content VES**; the element exists to accommodate legacy data, but with the introduction of Manifestation: **extent of aggregated content**, it may no longer be necessary. As noted in the proposal, Manifestation: **illustrative content** indicates that this element exists to record illustrative content that "supplements the main expressions," which is a subjective and biblio-centric phrasing. Deprecating the **RDA Illustrative Content VES would** prevent the awkwardness of maintaining a vocabulary with a single term.

Recommendation 3.1: Create a new vocabulary encoding scheme **RDA Aggregated Content.**

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2: Recommended terms for **RDA Aggregated Content** derived from the current **RDA Carrier Extent Unit** vocabulary

Approve.

The Technical Working Group notes that the scope notes for these definitions indicate that the terms are narrower to the terms in the RDA Content Type VES. We do not feel it is necessary to do; if the Extent Working Group feels that it is necessary, the reasoning should be explained in guidance for the element or VES.

Recommendation 3.2.1: chart

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.2: diagram

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.3: icon

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.4: map

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.5: picture

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.6: profile

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.7: remote-sensing image

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.8: section

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.9: technical drawing

Approve.

Recommendation 3.2.10: view

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3: Recommended terms derived from the current **RDA Illustrative Content vocabulary**

Approve. As with 3.2, we do not think it is necessary to make these VES terms narrower to **the RDA Content Type** VES terms.

Recommendation 3.3.1: coat of arms

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.2: facsimile

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.3: form

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.4: genealogical table

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.5: graph

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.6: illumination

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.7: photographic image

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.8: plan

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.9: portrait

Approve.

Recommendation 3.3.10: sample

Approve.

Recommendation 3.4: Recommended new terms for the **RDA Aggregated Content** vocabulary

Approve. As with 3.2, we do not think it is necessary to make these VES terms narrower to the RDA Content Type VES terms.

Recommendation 3.4.1: performed dance

Approve.

Recommendation 3.4.2: radiographic image

Approve.

Recommendation 3.4.3: spoken text

Approve.