

To: Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
Subject: Soft-deprecated elements: “Details” elements

For the theory and background on the soft-deprecated elements, please see [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/1](#). [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/2](#) was published on 25 February for discussion at the April 2026 Meeting of the RSC, where it was approved unanimously, with an amendment suggested in [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/2/ORDAC](#)¹.

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.

- [details of aspect ratio designation](#)
- [details of duration](#)
- [details of form of musical notation](#)
- [details of form of notated movement](#)
- [details of form of tactile notation](#)
- [details of format of notated music](#)
- [details of script](#)
- [details of applied material](#)
- [details of base material](#)
- [details of bibliographic format](#)
- [details of broadcast standard](#)
- [details of cartographic data type](#)
- [details of configuration of playback channels](#)
- [details of digital file characteristic](#)
- [details of digital representation of cartographic content](#)
- [details of emulsion on microfilm and microfiche](#)
- [details of encoding format](#)
- [details of file type](#)
- [details of font size](#)
- [details of generation](#)
- [details of groove characteristic](#)
- [details of layout](#)

¹ The second amendment suggested the addition of a clause to Manifestation: [applied material](#) which would duplicate an existing condition.

- [details of mount](#)
- [details of playing speed](#)
- [details of polarity](#)
- [details of presentation format](#)
- [details of production method](#)
- [details of projection characteristic of motion picture film](#)
- [details of projection speed](#)
- [details of recording medium](#)
- [details of reduction ratio designation](#)
- [details of regional encoding](#)
- [details of sound characteristic](#)
- [details of special playback characteristic](#)
- [details of tape configuration](#)
- [details of track configuration](#)
- [details of type of recording](#)
- [details of video characteristic](#)
- [details of video format](#)

Recommendation 1.1:**Expression: [details of aspect ratio designation](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Expression: [aspect ratio designation](#), remove [option 81.09.51.83](#).

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~~Record details or other unstructured information as Expression: [details of aspect ratio designation](#).~~

Recommendation 1.2:**Expression: [details of duration](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Expression: [duration](#), remove [option 15.78.02.30](#).

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~~Record details or other unstructured information as Expression: [details of duration](#).~~

Recommendation 1.3:

[Expression: details of form of musical notation](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Expression: [form of musical notation](#), remove [option 19.76.87.24](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Expression: [details of form of musical notation](#).~~

Recommendation 1.4:

[Expression: details of form of notated movement](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Expression: [form of notated movement](#), remove [option 09.20.40.39](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Expression: [details of form of notated movement](#).~~

Recommendation 1.5:

[Expression: details of form of tactile notation](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Expression: [form of tactile notation](#), remove [option 48.85.91.75](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Expression: [details of form of tactile notation](#).~~

As suggested in [RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/2/ORDAC](#), add this condition option set to Expression: [form of tactile notation](#):

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[16.10.83.73](#) Recording an unstructured description

OPTION

Record an uncontrolled term or a term that is transcribed from a *source of information*.

OPTION

Record details or other unstructured information.

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.

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A form of tactile notation uses contractions.

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

Recommendation 1.6:

Expression: details of format of notated music

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Expression: [format of notated music](#), remove [option 63.57.86.58](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Expression: [details of format of notated music](#).~~

Recommendation 1.7:

Expression: [details of script](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Expression: [script](#), remove [option 84.59.94.84](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Expression: [details of script](#).~~

Recommendation 1.8:

Manifestation: [details of applied material](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [applied material](#), remove [option 23.33.24.70](#).

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~~Record details or other unstructured information as Manifestation: [details of applied material](#).~~

Recommendation 1.9:

Manifestation: [details of base material](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [base material](#), remove [option 85.52.84.49](#).

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~~Record details or other unstructured information as Manifestation: [details of base material](#).~~

Recommendation 1.10:**[Manifestation: details of bibliographic format](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [bibliographic format](#), remove [option 99.84.43.24](#).

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~~Record details or other unstructured information as Manifestation: [details of bibliographic format](#).~~

Recommendation 1.11:**[Manifestation: details of broadcast standard](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [broadcast standard](#), remove [option 99.84.43.24](#).

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Recommendation 1.12:**[Manifestation: details of cartographic data type](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [cartographic data type](#), remove [option 94.02.36.54](#).

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~~Record details or other unstructured information as Manifestation: [details of cartographic data type](#).~~

Recommendation 1.13:**Manifestation: details of configuration of playback channels**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [configuration of playback channels](#), remove [option 80.73.85.37](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of configuration of playback channels](#).~~

Recommendation 1.14:**Manifestation: details of digital file characteristic**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [digital file characteristic](#), remove [option 22.63.04.97](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of digital file characteristic](#).~~

Recommendation 1.15:**Manifestation: details of digital representation of cartographic content**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [digital representation of cartographic content](#), remove [option 00.04.99.80](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of digital representation of cartographic content](#).~~

Recommendation 1.16:**Manifestation: details of emulsion on microfilm and microfiche**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [emulsion on microfilm and microfiche](#), remove [option 07.14.05.68](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of emulsion on microfilm and microfiche](#).~~

Recommendation 1.17:

[Manifestation: details of encoding format](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [encoding format](#), remove [option 06.83.76.87](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of encoding format](#).~~

Recommendation 1.18:

[Manifestation: details of file type](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [file type](#), remove [option 45.66.62.70](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of file type](#).~~

Recommendation 1.19:

[Manifestation: details of font size](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [font size](#), remove [option 44.84.30.16](#).

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Recommendation 1.20:**[Manifestation: details of generation](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [generation](#) remove [option 92.31.23.87](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of generation](#).~~

Recommendation 1.21:**[Manifestation: details of groove characteristic](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [groove characteristic](#) remove [option 51.58.82.54](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of groove characteristic](#).~~

Recommendation 1.22:**[Manifestation: details of layout](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [layout](#) remove [option 26.44.76.44](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of layout](#).~~

Recommendation 1.23:**[Manifestation: details of mount](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.
Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [mount](#) remove [option 07.03.15.46](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of mount](#).~~

Recommendation 1.24:

[Manifestation: details of playing speed](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.
Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [playing speed](#), remove [option 34.01.73.98](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of playing speed](#).~~

Recommendation 1.25:

[Manifestation: details of polarity](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.
Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [polarity](#) remove [option 40.22.73.54](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of polarity](#).~~

Recommendation 1.26:

[Manifestation: details of presentation format](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.
Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [presentation format](#) remove [option 96.10.00.27](#).

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Recommendation 1.27:**[Manifestation: details of production method](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [production method](#) remove [option 34.08.16.23](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of production method](#).~~

Recommendation 1.28:**[Manifestation: details of projection characteristic of a motion picture film](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [projection characteristic of a motion picture film](#), remove [option 23.02.09.44](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of projection characteristic of motion picture film](#).~~

Recommendation 1.29:**[Manifestation: details of projection speed](#)**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [projection speed](#), remove [option 05.25.59.84](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of projection speed](#).~~

Recommendation 1.30:

Manifestation: details of recording medium

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [recording medium](#), remove [option 26.87.38.05](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of recording medium](#).~~

Recommendation 1.31:**Manifestation: details of reduction ratio designation**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [reduction ratio designation](#), remove [option 32.24.70.54](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of reduction ratio designation](#).~~

Recommendation 1.32:**Manifestation: details of regional encoding**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [regional encoding](#), remove [option 77.07.24.67](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of regional encoding](#).~~

Recommendation 1.33:**Manifestation: details of sound characteristic**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [sound characteristic](#), remove [option 10.18.42.38](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of sound characteristic](#).~~

Recommendation 1.34:

[Manifestation: details of special playback characteristic](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [special playback characteristic](#), remove [option 99.65.23.05](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of special playback characteristic](#).~~

Recommendation 1.35:

[Manifestation: details of tape configuration](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [tape configuration](#), remove the [following statement 01.42.13.96](#).

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Recommendation 1.36:

[Manifestation: details of track configuration](#)

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [track configuration](#), remove [option 02.34.73.30](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of track configuration](#).~~

Recommendation 1.37:**Manifestation: details of type of recording**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [type of recording](#) remove [option 35.67.88.68](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of type of recording](#).~~

Recommendation 1.38:**Manifestation: details of video characteristic**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [video characteristic](#) remove [option 88.83.44.66](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of video characteristic](#).~~

Recommendation 1.39:**Manifestation: details of video format**

Fully deprecate this element in the RDA Registry and remove it from the Toolkit.

Remove the element from the alignment of soft-deprecated elements in the RDA Registry and add it to a new alignment of fully-deprecated elements to RDA elements.

Under Manifestation: [video format](#) remove [option 55.66.63.67](#).

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~~Record details or other information as Manifestation: [details of video format](#).~~