

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
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Subject: Formal response to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5 – Soft-deprecated “Note on” elements

Recommendation 1: Introduction of new “note” elements as set out in Recommendations 1.1-1.13.

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

I approve.

For clarity, consider adding an instruction in the “Prerecording” section to differentiate between the proposed element **Expression: note on category of expression** and the existing element **Expression: [category of expression](#)** (when recorded as unstructured description). Similarly, add a cross-reference in the “Prerecording” section of the element page for **Expression: category of expression**.

Recommendation 1.2. Introduce the element Expression: note on content characteristic of expression, which will include the conditions and options formerly present on Expression: details of cartographic content.

I approve.

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

I approve.

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

I approve.

For clarity, consider adding an instruction in the “Prerecording” section to differentiate between the proposed element **Item: note on category of item** and the existing element **Item: [category of item](#)** (when recorded as unstructured description). Similarly, add a cross-reference in the “Prerecording” section of the element page for **Item: category of item**.

Recommendation 1.5. Change the element label for Item: modification of item to Item: note on modification of item.

I approve.

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

I approve.

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

I approve.

For clarity, consider adding an instruction in the “Prerecording” section to differentiate between the proposed element **Manifestation: note on category of manifestation** and the existing element **Manifestation: [category of manifestation](#)** (when recorded as unstructured description). Similarly, add a cross-reference in the “Prerecording” section of the element page for **Manifestation: category of manifestation**.

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

I approve.

For clarity, consider adding an instruction in the “Prerecording” section to differentiate between the proposed element **Manifestation: note on statement associated with manifestation** and the existing element **Manifestation: [manifestation statement](#)**. Similarly, add a cross-reference in “Prerecording” section of the element page for **Manifestation: manifestation statement**.

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

I approve.

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

I approve.

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

I approve.

For clarity, consider adding an instruction in the “Prerecording” section to differentiate between the proposed element **Work: note on category of work** and the existing element **Work: [category of work](#)** (when recorded as unstructured description). Similarly, add a cross-reference in the “Prerecording” section of the element **Work: category of work**.

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

I approve.

For new or independent learners of Official RDA, it may be challenging to distinguish between the “content” of work versus the “content” of expression. For clarity, consider adding an instruction in the “Prerecording” section to differentiate between this proposed element and the element that was presented in Recommendation 1.2., **Expression: note on content characteristic of expression**. Add a similar clarification in the “Prerecording” section of **Expression: note on content characteristic of expression**.

Examples could be another approach for clarifying the distinction between the element presented in Recommendation 1.12 versus the element presented in Recommendation 1.2.

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

I approve.

Recommendation 2: Updating guidance and existing elements as set out in Recommendations 2.1-2.3.

Recommendation 2.1. Change the following Condition Option under Guidance: Resource description: Describing an expression (32.13.85.69)

I approve the addition of the second Condition Option.

However, would the first Condition Option (“Record information about a change in the value of this element as an Expression: note on content characteristic of expression”) need to be retained if a diachronic work is subject to a work-expression-manifestation (WEM) lock?

Recommendation 2.2. Change the following condition options under Guidance: Resource description: Describing a manifestation (06.26.53.93).

I approve.

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

I approve.

Recommendation 3. Fully deprecate older “note” elements and remove references to them in the Toolkit as set out in Recommendations 3.1-3.21.

Recommendation 3.1. Expression: details of cartographic content.

Recommendation 3.1.1. Under Work: longitude, at 15.43.55.04, change the option...

Recommendation 3.1.2. Under Work: latitude, at 90.95.59.79, change the option...

Recommendation 3.1.3. Under Work: longitude and latitude at 39.69.75.17, change the option...

Recommendation 3.1.4. Under Expression: projection of cartographic content, at 84.33.34.26, change...

Recommendation 3.2. Expression: note on capture.

Recommendation 3.2.1. Under Expression: capture information, add the following scope note...

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

Recommendation 3.2.3. Under Expression: capture information, add the following option...

Recommendation 3.3. Expression: note on changes in content characteristics.

Recommendation 3.4. Manifestation: note on carrier.

Recommendation 3.5. Manifestation: note on changes in carrier characteristics.

Recommendation 3.6. Manifestation: note on copyright date.

Recommendation 3.6.1. Under Manifestation: copyright date, change the following Option (97.27.61.90)...

Recommendation 3.7. Manifestation: note on dimensions of manifestation.

Recommendation 3.8. Item: note on dimensions of item.

Recommendation 3.9. Manifestation: note on distribution statement.

Recommendation 3.9.1. Under Manifestation: name of distributor, change the following condition option (09.89.61.94)...

Recommendation 3.9.2. Under Manifestation: place of distribution, change the following condition options (76.02.02.29)...

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

Recommendation 3.10. Manifestation: note on edition statement.

Recommendation 3.10.1. Under Manifestation: edition statement, change the following condition option (52.63.25.70)...

Recommendation 3.11. Manifestation: note on extent of manifestation.

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

Recommendation 3.12. Item: note on extent of item.

Recommendation 3.13. Manifestation: note on identifier for manifestation.

Recommendation 3.14. Manifestation: note on issue, part, or iteration used as basis for identification of manifestation.

Recommendation 3.15. Manifestation: note on manufacture statement.

Recommendation 3.15.1. Under Manifestation: name of manufacturer, change the following condition option (26.42.56.31)...

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

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

Recommendation 3.16. Manifestation: note on numbering of sequence.

Recommendation 3.16.1. Under Manifestation: numbering of sequence, change the following option (05.40.78.44)...

Recommendation 3.17. Manifestation: note on production statement.

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

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

Recommendation 3.18. Manifestation: note on publication statement.

Recommendation 3.18.1. Under Manifestation: name of publisher, change the following condition option (21.51.33.04)...

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

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

Recommendation 3.19. Manifestation: note on series statement.

Recommendation 3.19.1. Under Manifestation: series statement, change the following option (61.68.97.28)...

Recommendation 3.20. Manifestation: note on statement of responsibility.

Recommendation 3.20.1. Under Manifestation: statement of responsibility, change the condition option (85.74.58.14)...

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

Recommendation 3.21. Manifestation: note on title.

Recommendation 3.21.1. Under Manifestation: title proper, change the condition option (08.80.65.35)...

Recommendation 3.21.2. Under Manifestation: title of manifestation, change the condition option (83.86.81.01)...

I approve Recommendations 3.1-3.21.