TO: Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR

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Subject: Initial articles in Māori & Pacific Island languages

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Background
Initial articles in Māori & Pacific Island languages are not currently included in the list of articles in AACR2 E.1A. Although ACOC recognises that all initial articles in all languages can not reasonably be included in RDA – Resource Description and Access, resources in these languages are commonly catalogued by both New Zealand and Australian libraries. In addition, authoritative sources for these languages may be difficult for cataloguers to locate.

ACOC therefore seeks to have initial articles in these languages included as appropriate in the appendices of RDA – Resource Description and Access. We note that there is an Appendices Working Group charged with responsibility for the preparation of RDA appendices, including Appendix C. Initial articles.

Articles in Māori & Pacific Island languages
Two lists are given below. The first list relates to articles that are already in AACR2 E.1A, and so only the names of the additional languages would need to be added. The second list consists of articles which are not listed in AACR2 E.1A, and so would be entirely new additions.

Articles already in AACR Appendix E

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Articles not listed in AACR Appendix E
The names of diacritics have been noted in brackets after the names of relevant articles to ensure that they are correctly identified. It is not intended that these names appear in the appendix.

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Sources consulted
This proposal has been prepared by ACOC in consultation with staff of the National Library of New Zealand. The articles have been drawn from an internal list of initial articles maintained by the National Library of New Zealand.

The following language dictionaries are used by the National Library of New Zealand:

1. **Fijian**

2. **Māori**

3. **Niuean**
4. Rarotongan
Cook Islands Māori dictionary with English-Cook Islands Māori finderlist / by Jasper Buse with Raututi Taringa ; edited by Bruce Biggs and Rangi Moekaa. Canberra : Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, 1996.

5. Samoan

6. Tahitian
A Tahitian and English dictionary : with introductory remarks on the Polynesian language and a short grammar of the Tahitian dialect : with an appendix containing a list of foreign words used in the Tahitian Bible, in commerce, etc., with the sources from whence they have been derived / [John Davies]. Tahiti : Editions Haere Po no Tahiti, 1988.

7. Tokelauan

8. Tongan

**Note re the names of the languages:**
The names of the languages given above are those given in the MARC code list for languages (http://www.loc.gov/marc/languages/langhome.html).

These names match those given in Ethnologue (see http://www.ethnologue.com/web.asp) with the exception of Niuean, which Ethnologue lists as Niue.

**Note re MARC21:**
Filing indicators are used in MARC to indicate the number of character positions associated with an initial definite or indefinite article to be disregarded in sorting and filing processes (see Initial Definite and Indefinite Articles http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bdapp-e.html).

The initial articles in this paper are not currently in Initial Definite and Indefinite Articles and have not been submitted to MARC for inclusion in that list.

Where Māori personal, corporate or geographic names begin with an article, the article is included in the filing of that name in MARC.

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