

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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SUBJECT: Revision of RDA 2.7.2.3, 2.8.2.3, 2.10.2.3 Recording Place of Production [Publication, Distribution, Manufacture]. BL response

BL thanks ACOC for their proposal of an optional addition to enable cataloguers to supply the name of a larger jurisdiction as part of the local place name if considered to be important for identification or access.

BL notes that this contradicts the instruction to transcribe the name of the place of publication etc. at 2.8.1.4, etc.. BL also notes that the purpose of the publication statement is to identify the manifestation and that the addition of the larger jurisdiction is not necessary for that purpose.

However, BL also notes that the supplied information can be distinguished from the transliterated data and there is a view that the information is useful in resolving ambiguity for users. Therefore the BL approves the addition of the option.

BL thinks that RDA should make more explicit provision for recording information about country of publication, but has no specific proposal at present.