

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative
Subject: Creating a priority order for Sources of Information in Date of Manufacture element (RDA 2.10.6.2)

Abstract

Modify RDA 2.10.6.2 to provide a priority order for selecting the source of information for Date of Manufacture.

Justification

Although most of the instructions relating to the elements in the Publication, Distribution, and Manufacture statements in RDA have a similar structure, ALA has identified an exception: the sources of information for Date of Manufacture. The proposal below addresses two separate, but related issues.

1. According to RDA 2.10.6.2, the Date of Manufacture can come from any source, with no priority being given to a source in the resource. The same is not true of the equivalent instructions for Date of Publication (2.8.6.2) and Date of Distribution (2.9.6.2).
2. Although the wording in RDA 2.10.6.2 permits taking the Date of Manufacture from any source, Date of Manufacture also appears on the list of transcribed elements in RDA 2.2.4 which require identification when the element is supplied from outside the resource. We also note that some of the subsequent portions of RDA 2.10.6 also reference 2.2.4.

To resolve these inconsistencies, ALA proposes modifying RDA 2.10.6.2 to create a priority order for selecting the source of information for Date of Manufacture, following the established pattern for Date of Publication.

We note that the same problem occurs with identifying the source of information for Date of Production (RDA 2.7.6.2). However, ALA does not recommend a similar solution for reconciling those instructions. See 6JSC/ALA/Discussion/4 for details.

Proposed revision

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Take dates of manufacture from ~~any source.~~ the following sources (in order of preference):

- a) the same source as the title proper (see 2.3.2.2)
- b) another source within the resource itself (see 2.2.2)
- c) one of the other sources of information specified at 2.2.4.

For multipart monographs and serials, take the beginning and/or ending date of manufacture from the first and/or last released issue or part, or from another source.

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