

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
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Subject: Clarifying core element status for "not identified" elements in the Distribution and Manufacture Statements (RDA 2.9 and 2.10)

DNB thanks ALA for this proposal. We agree with the proposal and especially in the addition of the alternatives. Besides we have the following recommendations.

If the JSC accepts this proposal, we think that the introductory phrase should be modified as it is not possible to supply a place or probable place if it is unknown:

"If the place of publication is not identified in the resource, supply the place of publication or probable place of publication.

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e) unknown place (see 2.10.2.6.5)."

In this context, we also would like to know from the JSC whether we understand it correctly that we have to give a place of publication or "place of publication not identified" at any rate (as this is a core element), i.e. also when it is unknown and a place of distribution is given instead of it.