

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Barbara B. Tillett, LC Representative

SUBJECT: Initial Articles in Place Names (RDA 16.2.2.3)

LC agrees with the ALA proposal, and notes that a few additional instructions will need to be revised as well. Those revisions are proposed below.

The background asked whether examples might sometimes need explanations to indicate that an alternative, etc., is being applied. LC believes that such explanations are useful, and encourages the RDA Examples group to supplement examples with explanations when warranted.

Suggested changes to the proposal:

- 1) LC believes that an additional example would be useful for the alternative, to illustrate that the alternative should not be followed when the “name is to be accessed under the article.”
- 2) The alternative at 16.2.2.4 references appendix C. However, appendix C does not actually mention place names. We propose revising appendix C to make clear that appendix C will apply to place names.

Change 1

Add an additional example to illustrate the “unless” clause in the proposed alternative (new example has yellow highlighting)

Alternative

Omit an initial article (see appendix C) unless the name is to be accessed under the article.

EXAMPLE

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but

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[remainder of 16.2.2.4 unchanged]

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Change 2

Modify C.0 and C.1 to refer to place names. LC also proposes to remove “in languages” to simplify the wording in C.0.

C.0 Scope

This appendix lists initial articles ~~in languages~~ that are to be omitted when applying the alternative instructions to record preferred titles for works and names of persons, ~~and corporate bodies, and places.~~

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