

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
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**Subject:** Changes to Appendix D.0 and D.1.3.1

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## Abstract

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## Introduction

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A consequence of previous changes to Appendix D, is that D.2 now consists only of a link to MARC mappings. The see reference to D2 in the second entry under D.0 Scope could therefore be considered redundant. However resolving this redundancy would result in a more substantial revision of Appendix D than is warranted.

## Justification

This proposal was prepared as a result of discussions at the November 2013 JSC meeting in Washington, D.C. (M452.3 & M452.8) The proposed changes remove ambiguity and provide greater clarity.

## Impact

The proposed changes will aid understanding, no negative impact is anticipated.

## Proposed Changes

### Change 1 D.0 Scope

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## CHANGE 2 D.1.3 Multilevel Description

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#### D.1.3.1 Definition

~~A multilevel description is a form of presentation of descriptive data based on the division of descriptive information into two or more levels. The first level contains information common to the whole or main resource. The second and subsequent levels contain information about the individual part.~~

~~#4 D.1.3 multilevel description (for Feb) – needs to acknowledge ISBD text, either by citation or point to it, but ISBD would then need to extract that text as separate document that we can point to.  
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#### D.1.3.2 Presentation of a Multilevel Description

~~When describing both the larger resource and its parts using a multilevel description (see [1.5.4 RDA](#)), divide the descriptive information into two or more levels. Record at the first level only information about the resource as a whole or the main resource. Record at the second level information about the part or parts being described. If information at the second level describes a group of parts, record information about the individual part at a third level. Make the levels distinct by layout and/or other means.~~

~~When all the parts are received, complete any element left open.~~

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