

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Dave Reser, LC Representative

SUBJECT: Revision to RDA 16.2.2.8 (Place Names for Jurisdictions)

ABSTRACT: The revision to 16.2.2.8 (Place Names for Jurisdictions) provides clarity on the relationships between three different RDA instructions that mention “type of jurisdiction”: as part of the place name in instruction 16.2.2.8, the Type of Jurisdiction element sub-type (11.7.1.5), and instructions for adding the Type of Jurisdiction to an authorized access point for a government (11.13.1.6). This is a reorganization of existing instructions with no change in how place names, the type of jurisdiction element, or authorized access points that including the type of jurisdiction are recorded. There is no impact on chapters other than 16.

### Background

In July of 2013, the JSC Secretary forwarded a message from RDA-L inquiring about a change to the reworded text of 16.2.2.8.2 (Place Names That Require a Term Indicating Type of Jurisdiction) that resulted in a loss of a useful reference. After some discussion by the JSC via email, LC agreed to propose a Fast Track change to:

- Consolidate the instructions at 16.2.2.8 on recording the preferred place name for a jurisdiction.
- Include a reference to 11.7.1.5 for recording the type of jurisdiction as an element.
- Include a reference to 11.13.1.6 for recording a type of jurisdiction as part of the authorized access point.

As noted in the “Unresolved Fast Track, etc., Issues” compiled by the JSC Secretary in October of 2013 for resolution at the November 2013 JSC meeting, all agreed with the suggested revisions. However, because the proposed revision included deletion of the sub-instructions, it was noted that the Fast Track process could not be used (per draft of 6JSC/Policy/1). LC agreed to convert the Fast Track effort into a proposal.

In converting this Fast Track into a proposal, we realized re-captioning 16.2.2.8 might be desirable. The current instruction title is misleading since several other instructions in chapter 16 cover jurisdictional places (e.g., Australia is a jurisdiction place—its NAME does not contain such a term). We noted also that the phrase “term indicating type of jurisdiction” was used throughout the existing instructions. Therefore we have proposed changing the title of 16.2.2.8 to “Terms Indicating Type of Jurisdiction,” modelled on similar instruction titles for recording preferred names at 9.2.2.9.5 and 11.2.2.10. The other change from the original Fast Track and the current proposal is a slight difference in wording marked with yellow highlighting (to be clear that the term indicating the type of jurisdiction was being omitted from or retained in the preferred name).

Proposed Revision:

### **16.2.2.8 Terms Indicating Type of Place Names for Jurisdictions**

Record the preferred place name for a jurisdiction by applying these instructions, as applicable:

~~place names that include a term indicating type of jurisdiction (see [16.2.2.8.1 RDA](#))~~

~~place names that require a term indicating type of jurisdiction (see [16.2.2.8.2 RDA](#)).~~

#### **~~16.2.2.8.1 Place Names That Include a Term Indicating Type of Jurisdiction~~**

*If:*

the first part of a place name is a term indicating a type of jurisdiction

*and*

the place is commonly listed under another part of its name in lists published in the language of the country in which it is located

*then:*

omit the term indicating the type of jurisdiction when recording the preferred name.

#### **EXAMPLE**

Kerry (Ireland)

*not* County Kerry (Ireland)

Ostholstein (Germany)

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In all other cases, include the term indicating the type of jurisdiction when recording the preferred name.

#### **EXAMPLE**

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Ciudad Juárez (Mexico)

District of Columbia

Distrito Federal (Brazil)

Mexico City (Mexico)

For instructions on recording a type of jurisdiction for a government, see 11.7.1.5.

For instructions on recording a type of jurisdiction as part of the authorized access point for a government, see 11.13.1.6.

#### **~~16.2.2.8.2 Place Names That Require a Term Indicating Type of Jurisdiction~~**

*if:*

~~the place name is not the name for a city or town~~

~~*and*~~

~~the place name does not include a term indicating a type of jurisdiction~~

~~*and*~~

~~the place name is being used as the conventional name for a government~~

*then:*

~~add the type of jurisdiction by applying the instructions at [11.7.1.5 RDA](#).~~

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