

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, United Kingdom Representative
Subject: Revision to RDA 3.1.4, Resources Consisting of More than One Carrier Type and RDA 3.4.1.3, Recording Extent. UK Response

The British Library and CILIP thank ALA for the proposed revisions to 3.14 and 3.4.1.3, with which we largely agree. We have the following comments and suggestions.

3.1.4

Choice of Option

Opinions were divided, with practising cataloguers generally preferring option 1 and those whose work involves standards, and systems, tending towards option 2. As the instructions are intended for practising cataloguers we believe option 1 should be preferred.

Wording

Concern was expressed that the wording of the revision is ambiguous and might also cause problems for translators.

3.1.4 Resources Consisting of More Than One Carrier

When preparing a comprehensive description for a resource consisting of more than one carrier, record the following elements for **each** carrier, as applicable:

- a) media type (see [3.1.4.1](#))
- b) carrier type (see [3.1.4.2](#))
- c) extent (see [3.1.4.3](#)).

This seems to require that media type, carrier type and extent have to be recorded separately for each carrier, e.g. for each volume within a three volume set. It is more usual practice to group carriers by carrier type when recording extent.

We suggest that deletion of, “for each carrier” will address the ambiguity.

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3.1.4.3 Extent

Record the extent of each carrier (see [3.4.1.3](#)).

EXAMPLE

1 computer disc

1 audio disc

4 study prints

1 folded sheet

Extent of a resource consisting of a computer disc, an audio disc, study prints, and a folded sheet

The proposed wording appears to contradict the example. It should reflect the wording at 3.4.1.3 more precisely. Suggest ..."Record the extent by giving the number of units and an appropriate term for each carrier type "

3.4.1.3

Agree