

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Barbara Tillett, LC Representative  
**Subject:** Revision of RDA 1.6.2.2, and RDA 3.1.6.1 regarding change in media type of serials

LC thanks the ISSN International Centre for the proposal regarding change in carrier type for some serials. LC is in favor of the concept in the proposal, but has some alternative wording to propose.

RDA 1.6.2.2:

- 1) LC believes that the caption to 1.6.2.2 (Change in Media Type of a Serial) needs to be broadened, given that the proposed revision is actually related to a change in carrier type, not media type—a broader scope for the instruction (Change in Carrier Characteristics of a Serial) could cover both situations, and provide a parallel to 3.1.6 (Change in Carrier Characteristics).
- 2) If the caption is broadened, the proposed wording can be given as an instruction, rather than an exception.
- 3) While the proposal is related to a change from any other computer carrier to online resource, LC thinks the opposite situation would be as valid.

Suggested revision:

**1.6.2.2 Change in Carrier Characteristics Media Type of a Serial**

Create a new description if there is a change in the media type (see [3.2 RDA](#)) of a serial.

Create a new description if there is a change in the carrier type of a serial from any other computer carrier to *online resource*, or vice versa (see [3.1.6.1 RDA](#)).

RDA 3.1.6.1:

LC suggests a slight alteration to the ISSN proposal to follow RDA editing style and to be parallel to 1.6.2.2:

**3.1.6. 1 Multipart Monographs and Serials**

For multipart monographs and serials, if there is a change in the media type in a subsequent issue or part, create a new description (see [1.6 RDA](#)).

If the carrier type (see [3.3 RDA](#)) or other characteristics of the carrier (see [3.6–3.20 RDA](#)) are changed (or if new carrier characteristics are introduced), record the changed (or new)

characteristics as instructed for those elements. Make a note if the change is considered important for identification or selection (see [3.22.6.3.1 RDA](#)).

**EXCEPTION**

***Serials.*** Create a new description if there is a change in the carrier type of a serial from any other computer carrier to *online resource*, or vice versa (see [1.6 RDA](#)).