To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Judith A. Kuhagen, Secretary, RSC

Subject: Eliminating “Laws, etc.” as a conventional collective title (RDA 6.19.2.5.1, 6.19.3.6, etc.)

The text below reflects the decisions made by the Joint Steering Committee during its November 2015 meeting.

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6.2.1.9 Abbreviations

Use only the following abbreviations in titles of works:

a) those that are integral parts of the title
b) the abbreviation for Number (or its equivalent in another language) in the title for a part of a musical work when this word precedes a number used to identify that part (see 6.14.2.7.1).

[examples unchanged]

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6.2.2.10.3 Other Compilations of Two or More Works

[instruction unchanged except for last paragraph in Exceptions as shown below]

For compilations of laws, etc., apply instead the instructions at 6.19.2.5.1 and 6.19.2.6.

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6.19.2.5.1 Compilations of Laws, Etc.

For a compilation of laws, etc., record (in this order of preference):

a) the official short title or citation title of the compilation
b) an unofficial short title or citation title used in legal literature
c) the official title of the compilation
d) any other designation by which the compilation is known.

EXAMPLE
U.S. Code

British Subjects Acts, 1708 to 1722  
Official short title includes dates

Code Civil

Põhiseadus

Code of ordinances of the city of York, Pennsylvania

Legislation on insanity  
Resource described: Legislation on insanity: a collection of all the lunacy laws of the states and territories of the United States to the year 1883, inclusive: also the law of England on insanity, legislation in Canada on private houses, and important portions of the lunacy laws of Germany, France, etc. / [edited by] George L. Harrison, LL.D, late president of the Board of Public Charities of Pennsylvania

6.19.3.3 General Guidelines on Recording Variant Titles for Legal Works

[unchanged except for reference in last paragraph as shown below]

Apply the specific instructions at 6.19.3.4–6.19.3.5. Also apply instructions in preceding sections of this chapter, as applicable.

6.19.3.6 Conventional Collective Titles

[This instruction has been deleted as a revision to RDA. For further information, see 6JSC/ALA/37/Sec final.]

6.29.1.2 Laws Governing One Jurisdiction

[instruction unchanged except for example box below]

EXAMPLE

Canada. Canada Corporations Act

Catawba Indian Nation. Constitution and By-laws of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina

Austria. Arbeitszeitgesetz

Richmond (Va.). Building code of the city of Richmond, Virginia
California. Labor Code

Madrid (Spain : Region). Legislación de la Comunidad de Madrid

Kosovo (Republic). Kushtetuta e Republikës së Kosovës

Colima (Mexico : State). Constitución Política del Estado Libre y Soberano de Colima

Italy. Raccolta ufficiale degli atti normativi della Repubblica Italiana

United States. Civil Rights Act of 1964

Los Angeles County (Calif.). Charter of the County of Los Angeles

6.29.1.4 Administrative Regulations, Etc., That Are Laws

[1st paragraph unchanged]

EXAMPLE

Great Britain. Escape and Rescue from Mines Regulations 1995

New Brunswick. Regulations of New Brunswick

[2nd paragraph unchanged]

EXAMPLE

New Brunswick. New Brunswick Acts and Regulations

B.3 Titles of Works

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B.7 Latin Alphabet Abbreviations
[content unchanged except for footnote 2 as shown below]

2 Use only in the term *Protocols, etc.*