

**To:** RDA Steering Committee

**From:** Bill Leonard, CCC Representative to RSC

**Subject:** **Adding controlled vocabulary to RDA 3.19.6, *Regional Encoding*, and to the Glossary**

CCC thanks ALA for proposal to develop a vocabulary encoding scheme for RDA 3.19.6. CCC agrees with the proposal for various reasons. The vocabulary will serve as a historical record of the terms used for industrial products that will eventually become obsolete. Embedding the vocabulary in the Toolkit and in the Registry will enable definitive translations of the terms to be registered.

There are concerns about mixing the vocabularies from different categories of carriers into one large vocabulary. Short of having separate vocabularies, qualifiers could be employed.

Jargon phrases should be avoided in the definitions, e.g., “media copies,” “pre-releases,” and “screeners.”

In the definitions, the vagueness of the wording “... to be read by ...” could make it difficult to translate. We suggest one of the following:

- “... intended to be readable by ...”.
- “... intended to be played on ...”.
- “... intended to be playable on ...”.

Taking into consideration the recent removal of the vocabulary from RDA 3.19.3, Encoding Format, in favour of lists maintained externally to RDA, some members of CCC are not in favour of developing this particularly vocabulary.