To: RDA Steering Committee

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

The text below reflects the decisions made by the RDA Steering Committee during its November 2016 meeting and via email after the meeting.

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3.19.6.1 Scope

**regional encoding**: A designation for one or more regions of the world for which a videodisc or video game carrier has been encoded, indicating that playback is restricted to a device configured to decode it.

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3.19.6.3 Recording Regional Encoding

Record a regional encoding if considered important for identification or selection. Use an appropriate term or terms from the following list:

- all regions
- region 1
- region 2
- region 3
- region 4
- region 5
- region 6
- region 7
- region 8
- region A
- region B
- region C (Blu-ray)
- region C (video game)
- region J
- region U/C

If none of the terms in the list is appropriate, use another concise term to indicate the regional encoding.

**EXAMPLE**

region K
Regional encoding for a video game carrier encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in South Korea only

Record details of regional encoding as instructed at 3.19.6.4.

3.19.6.4 Details of Regional Encoding

details of regional encoding▼: Details of a designation for one or more regions of the world for which a videodisc or video game carrier has been encoded, indicating that playback is restricted to a device configured to decode it.

Record details of regional encoding if considered important for identification or selection. For sources of information, see 3.19.6.2.

EXAMPLE

DVD has region code enhancement

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Glossary

all regions A regional encoding for a videodisc or video game carrier, permitting playback on devices worldwide.

details of regional encoding Details of a designation for one or more regions of the world for which a videodisc or video game carrier has been encoded, indicating that playback is restricted to a device configured to decode it.

no regional encoding all regions▼

region 0 all regions▼

region 1 A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and U.S. territories.

region 2 A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in Japan, Europe, South Africa, and the Middle East, including Egypt.

region 3 A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in Southeast Asia and East Asia, including Hong Kong.

region 4 A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.
region 5  A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in Eastern Europe, Baltic States, Russia, Central and South Asia, Indian subcontinent, Africa, North Korea, and Mongolia.

region 6  A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in China.

region 7  A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it for special uses, such as playing protected copies sent to film industry professionals or to the media.

region 8  A regional encoding for a DVD videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in international venues such as aircraft, cruise ships, spacecraft, etc.

region 9  all regions▼

region A  A regional encoding for a Blu-ray videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in North America, Central America, South America, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asia.

region ABC  all regions▼

region B  A regional encoding for a Blu-ray videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in Europe, Greenland, French territories, Middle East, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

region C (Blu-ray)  A regional encoding for a Blu-ray videodisc encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in India, Nepal, mainland China, Russia, Central Asia, and South Asia.

region C (video game)  A regional encoding for a video game encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in China.

region free  all regions▼

region J  A regional encoding for a video game carrier encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and Southeast Asia.

region U/C  A regional encoding for a video game carrier encoded for playback by devices configured to decode it in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and South America.

regional encoding  A designation for one or more regions of the world for which a videodisc or video game carrier has been encoded, indicating that playback is restricted to a device configured to decode it.