

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative
Subject: Adding controlled vocabulary to RDA 3.19.6, *Regional Encoding*, and to the Glossary
Related documents: [RSC/ALA/1](#) and the community responses to that proposal

ALA has prepared the following revised proposal to address some of the concerns raised in the community responses. We remain convinced that RDA should contain a controlled vocabulary for regional encoding. There are no external lists to use for this purpose, and the number of terms is fairly limited.

In **3.19.6.1, Scope**, the revision:

- Limits the scope to video discs and video game carriers.
- Retains the use of “designation for” rather than “term representing”; the latter phrase is not currently used in RDA.
- Retains a mention of playback restrictions, using new wording.
- Uses the term “device” instead of “player”, mirroring the use of this term in RDA 3.2 and 3.3.

In the **Glossary** definitions, the revision:

- Uses phrasing from the revised scope in 3.19.6.1.
- Corrects the apparent duplicate entry for “region 0”, making it “region 9”.

Concerns raised in the community responses, but not represented in the revision:

- *Transcribing from the resource, instead of using “all regions”*
ALA believes that this defeats the purpose of having a controlled vocabulary. Indeed, a major impetus for this proposal was to settle on a single term to convey worldwide playback. We note that if our proposal is accepted, regional encoding will be recorded; if a cataloguing agency also wishes to transcribe the phrasing found on the resource, guidelines in RDA 2.17 support that action.
- *Clarifying in the scope (3.19.6.1) that “all regions” may not include aircraft*
While it might be possible to infer this assertion from the DVD region codes and countries table in the Wikipedia article, ALA has not been able to locate any other source that supports this assertion. If the RSC would like to include this information, we believe it belongs only in the Glossary entry.
- *Using codes rather than terms*
ALA believes that creating a controlled vocabulary largely addresses this concern.
- *Not using jargon*
ALA has been unable to craft a meaningful definition of region 7 without mentioning the specialized terminology.

Revised proposal

Marked-up copy (base text – current RDA)

3.19.6 Regional Encoding

3.19.6.1 Scope

Regional encoding▼ is a ~~code-identifying~~ designation for one or more the regions of the world for which a videodisc or video game carrier has been encoded, restricting playback to a device configured to decode it and preventing the disc from being played on a player sold in a different region.

3.19.6.2 Sources of Information

Use evidence presented by the resource itself (or on any accompanying material or container) as the basis for recording the regional encoding. Take additional evidence from any source.

3.19.6.3 Recording Regional Encoding

Record the 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

EXAMPLE

region 4
all regions

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

EXAMPLE

region K

Type of encoding for a video game carrier to be read by players manufactured for use in South Korea

3.19.6.4 Details of Regional Encoding

Record **details of regional encoding▼** if considered important for identification or selection.
For scope and sources of information, see 3.19.6.1 and 3.19.6.2.

EXAMPLE

Regional encoding applies to downloadable content for the game, not the game itself

Glossary

all regions

A regional encoding for a videodisc or video game carrier, permitting playback on devices without restriction.

details of regional encoding

Details of the designation for one or more regions of the world for which a videodisc or video game carrier has been encoded, restricting playback 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 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 MPAA-related screeners and media copies of pre-releases in Asia.

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.

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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

EXAMPLE

region 4
all regions

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

EXAMPLE

region K
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3.19.6.4 Details of Regional Encoding

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EXAMPLE

Regional encoding applies to downloadable content for the game, not the game itself

Glossary

all regions

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

details of regional encoding

Details of the designation for one or more regions of the world for which a videodisc or video game carrier has been encoded, restricting playback 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 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 MPAA-related screeners and media copies of pre-releases in Asia.

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

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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.