

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Daniel Paradis, Translation Teams Liaison Officer
Subject: **Proposal to improve consistency in “supertype” elements**

General comment:

Each recommendation includes the option to “Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.” To be consistent with the practice regarding the use of definite and infinite articles generally observed in similar instructions, I would suggest deleting the definite article before “values”.

Recommendation 1: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 2: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 3: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 4: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 5: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 6: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 7: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 8: I support the recommendation.

Recommendation 9: I support the recommendation.

However, I note that in Recommendation 8, the element subtypes of element subtype Manifestation: **groove characteristic** are also listed in the list of element subtypes in the Prerecording section, which makes sense. To follow the same pattern, I suggest that the element subtype Manifestation: **cartographic data type** be listed in the Prerecording section, as an element subtype of Manifestation: **digital representation of cartographic content**.

Recommendation 10: I support the recommendation.

I note however that the suggested instruction in the Prerecording section uses the wording "use one of the following element subtypes" and that the first option in the Recording section reads as “Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes”, even though there is currently only one subtype for the element. I suggest using the following wordings instead:

For a more specific description, use the following *element subtype* if suitable:

Record a value of the element subtype.