

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Bill Leonard, CCC Representative to RSC
Subject: Revision of RDA 3.4.5 Extent of Text

CCC thanks the Rare Materials Working Group for this paper that carefully considers the impact of a decision taken in earlier proposal. CCC agrees partially with the changes in this proposal.

CCC agrees with deleting the exception in 3.4.5.2 and with the edits in the fifth paragraph. CCC proposes that the deleted exception should become an alternative. Exceptions are seen as mandatory, if applicable. The decision to apply the extra provisions of rare printed resources is surely not compulsory, but it should remain an alternative. Agencies will lose their discretion to apply special treatment to rare resources if the alternatives are changed to exceptions.

CCC does not agree with adding “and rare printed resources” to the label and text of the exception in 3.4.5.3.1, for the reasons expressed in CCC’s response to RareWG/1.

CCC does not agree with adding “and rare printed resources” to the label and text of the exception in 3.4.5.3.2, for the reasons expressed in CCC’s response to RareWG/1. CCC does agree with some of the other edits to this paragraph and the following list. CCC proposes different wording in condition c):

3.4.5.3.2 Inessential Matter

Disregard unnumbered sequences of inessential matter (advertising, blank pages, etc.).

Exception

Early printed resources. For early printed resources, record numbered or unnumbered sequences of inessential matter (when this can be done succinctly) if those sequences are clearly integral to the manifestation. Consider a sequence to be integral if it is:

- a) included in the same pagination sequence as the text
- or*
- b) printed on the pages of an initial or final gathering also containing leaves or pages of text
- or*
- c) printed on a separate gathering in a resource that is continuously signed, connected grammatically or by layout, or otherwise bears evidence that it is integral to the manifestation.

[remainder of the instruction as proposed by the Rare WG

CCC does not agree with adding “and rare printed resources” to the label and text of the exception in 3.4.5.4, as explained in CCC’s response to RareWG/1.

CCC agrees with the text of the proposed exception in 3.4.5.5, but not with the words “and rare printed resources.”

CCC does not agree with adding “and rare printed resources” to 3.4.5.8 or 3.4.5.14.

CCC suggestions for 3.4.5.2 and 3.4.5.9.1

With attention being paid to the instructions on recording the numbering of leaves and pages, CCC notes that the precision of two other instructions could be improved.

3.4.5.2 4th paragraph, 2nd sentence:

Marked up:

Record the number appearing on the last numbered page, leaf, or column in each sequence and follow it with the appropriate term.

3.4.5.9.1 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence.

Marked up:

For each sequence, record the number appearing on the last numbered leaf or page with an appropriate term followed by *of plates*.