

Revision of Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction governed of

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Abstract

This proposal revises the labels and definitions of **Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed** and **Place: jurisdiction governed of** as was recommended by the RSC at its May 2023 meeting.

Background

[RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1](#) made several recommendations for removing ambiguity concerning the use of the term *jurisdiction* in RDA. Recommendations 4 and 7 from the proposal were withdrawn at the meeting due to RSC objections ([RSC/Minutes/372-392](#) Item 380.4) and are being resubmitted.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Revise the labels for [Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed](#) and [Place: jurisdiction governed of](#) to **Corporate Body: place governed** and **Place: place governed of**.

The RSC, in its [responses to RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1](#) Recommendations 4 and 7, indicated a preference for retaining the element, but in changing the label to remove ambiguity. The Working Group was presented with two alternatives:

Alternative 1: revise the element names to ‘place governed’ and ‘place governed of’ as recommended by the Technical Working Group ([RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/TTWG Response](#)).

Alternative 2: revise the element names to ‘jurisdiction of government’ and ‘government of jurisdiction’ as recommended by the EEO ([RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/EOO response](#)) and NARDAC ([RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/NARDAC response](#)).

Alternative 1 has been selected by the Places Working Group. The label has the benefit of removing jurisdiction from the label, and thus removing any potential ambiguity with the term ‘jurisdiction.’

Recommendation 2

Revise the definition of the current [Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed](#).

The current definition reads as ‘A place that is a jurisdiction governed by a law, regulation, etc., that was enacted by another government.’ If Recommendation 1 is accepted, the categorization of the place as a jurisdiction should be removed, and all references to any laws or regulations should be removed.

Marked up version

A place that is a ~~jurisdiction governed by a law, regulation, etc., that was enacted by another~~ governed by a corporate body who is a government.

Clean version

A place that is governed by a corporate body who is a government.

Recommendation 3

Revise the definition of the current [Place: jurisdiction governed of](#).

The current definition reads as ‘A corporate body who is a government of a jurisdiction governed by a law, regulation, etc., that was enacted by another government.’ If

Recommendation 2 is accepted, the categorization of the place as a jurisdiction should be removed, and all references to any laws or regulations should be removed.

Marked up version

A corporate body who is a government of a ~~jurisdiction governed by a law, regulation, etc., that was enacted by another government~~ place.

Clean version

A corporate body who is a government of a place.

Impact

Revisions to this element should have little to no impact on current cataloging, as there is no evidence that the Official Toolkit element has been used.

However, the original RDA Toolkit included the element ‘jurisdiction governed’ that was a relationship between a law and the government that the law was applicable to. As was pointed out in the [Technical Working Group response to RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1](#), such a relationship is not appropriate in Official RDA, as the high-level subject elements are a better method for indicating the ‘coverage’ of a law.

For example, the relationship Work: subject corporate body, could be used to show that a law is applicable to a specific government.

A search of the Library of Congress online catalog on April 21, 2023, revealed 13 instances of the legacy Toolkit designator of ‘jurisdiction governed’ being used, and in all cases it is relating a law to a corporate body that is a government. In these cases, the relationship should be changed to the high-level relationship ‘related corporate body of work’.

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Revise the labels for Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction governed of to Corporate Body: place governed and Place: place governed of.

Recommendation 2: Revise the definition of the current Corporate Body: jurisdiction governed.

Recommendation 3: Revise the definition of the current Place: jurisdiction governed of.