

To: Kathy Glennan, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

Cc: Linda Barnhart, RSC Secretary

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Subject: Response to RSC/TranslationsTLO/2022/1

## Abstract

In general, the Technical Team Liaison Officer (TechnicalTLO) supports recommendations 1-4, with modifications and accepts in full recommendations 5-8. A brief analysis provides a rationale for the modifications.

## Analysis

### Hierarchy

The TechnicalTLO agrees with the rationale for removing the terms highlighted in the proposal out of the manufacturer agent hierarchy. But after further review, the TechnicalTLO believes these agents should be element subtypes of the 'creator agent of manifestation' hierarchy.

Creator agents of manifestation are agents who are 'responsible for the embodiment of one or more expressions.' The elements identified for modification in the proposal all participate in activities that embody one or more expressions.

Therefore the 'creator agent of manifestation' hierarchy is more appropriate than 'related agent of manifestation.'

### Definitions

RDA recognizes two kinds of manifestations: those that are published (manifestations made for public sale or consumption) and those that are unpublished (manifestations not intended for sale to the public). A publisher or manufacturer is involved in the creation of published manifestations. A producer is responsible for an unpublished manifestation.

The agent elements under review could have roles in either the processes leading to the production of a manifestation or the processes leading to the manufacture of a manifestation.

Because of this, the definitions of the elements should be inclusive of both unpublished and published manifestations. Several of the definitions in recommendations 2 and 3 should be modified to remove the potentially confusing use of the words 'production' or 'manufacture.'

## Recommendations

### **Recommendation 1:**

Change the broader element from 'related agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes for 'book designer agent' and its agent subtypes.

Change the broader element from 'related manifestation of agent' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation of' or its agent subtypes for 'book designer agent of' and its agent subtypes.

**Recommendation 2:**

Change the broader element from 'related agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes for 'papermaker agent' and its agent subtypes.

Change the broader element from 'related manifestation of agent' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation of' or its agent subtypes for 'papermaker agent of' and its agent subtypes.

Modify the definitions of 'papermaker agent' and its element subtypes to read as:

*Markup*

An agent [collective agent etc.] who is responsible for the ~~production~~ making of paper used to ~~manufacture~~ in a manifestation.

*Clean*

An agent [collective agent etc.] who is responsible for the making of paper used in a manifestation.

Modify the definitions of 'papermaker agent of' and its element subtypes to read as:

*Markup*

A manifestation that involves a responsibility of an agent [collective agent, etc.] for ~~producing~~ making paper.

*Clean*

A manifestation that involves a responsibility of an agent for making paper.

**Recommendation 3:**

Change the broader element from 'related agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes for 'platemaker agent' and its agent subtypes.

Change the broader element from 'related manifestation of agent' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation of' or its agent subtypes for 'platemaker agent of' and its agent subtypes.

Modify the definitions of 'platemaker agent' and its element subtypes to read as:

*Markup*

An agent [collective agent etc.] who is responsible for preparing plates used in the ~~production~~ making of printed images or text.

*Clean*

An agent [collective agent etc.] who is responsible for preparing plates used in the making of printed images or text.

Modify the definitions of 'platemaker agent of' and its element subtypes to read as:

*Markup*

A manifestation that involves a responsibility of an agent for preparing plates used in the ~~production~~ making of printed images or text.

*Clean*

A manifestation that involves a responsibility of an agent for preparing plates used in the making of printed images or text.

**Recommendation 4:**

Change the broader element from 'related agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation' or its agent subtypes for 'papermaker agent' and its agent subtypes.

Change the broader element from 'related manifestation of agent' or its agent subtypes to 'creator agent of manifestation of' or its agent subtypes for 'papermaker agent of' and its agent subtypes.

**Recommendation 5:** Agree

**Recommendation 6:** Agree

**Recommendation 7:** Agree

**Recommendation 8:** Agree