

Memorandum

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TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA DATE: May 20, 2011
FROM: Barbara B. Tillett, LC Representative
SUBJECT: Date of manufacture (RDA 2.10.6)

Background

The March 2008 draft of RDA chapter 2 had instructions for Production statements, Publication statements, and Distribution statements; the scope for Production statements was not limited to unpublished resources. Instructions for Manufacture statements were added to the October 2008 draft of chapter 2 to create separate statements for unpublished (production) and published (manufacture) resources. When the content of the instructions in Date of production was re-used for Date of manufacture, some wording applying to unpublished resources was retained in the Manufacture statement instructions.

In its comments on the 2008 full draft of RDA, the Library of Congress made the following recommendations:

- "2.10.6.1, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs: LC recommends deleting these paragraphs because archival resources are covered by 2.7.6.1."
- "2.10.6.7: LC recommends deleting 2.10.6.7 because it is the same as 2.7.6.7."

Due to time constraints, those recommendations were not discussed at the March 2009 JSC meeting. LC is proposing these revisions now. The presence of the content being proposed for deletion caused confusion during the US RDA Test and during discussions about changes related to the current 260 field in the MARC 21 bibliographic format.

Proposed revisions

- #1. Revise 2.10.6.1 to remove the second and third paragraphs.

Scope

A date of manufacture is a date associated with the printing, duplicating, casting, etc., of a resource in a published form.

~~For an archival resource, the date of manufacture is the date the resource was produced or the date or dates of record-keeping activity.~~

~~For a collection (i.e., one assembled by a private collector, a dealer, a library, etc.), the date of manufacture is the date of manufacture or publication of the resources contained in the collection.~~

#2. Delete RDA 2.10.6.7; this instruction for archival resources and collections is in RDA 2.7.6.7.

~~Archival Resources and Collections~~

~~If the date of manufacture of an archival resource falls within a single year, record that date or a more specific date therein. For a single resource, record the exact date or dates.~~

~~If the archival resource or collection spans a period of time, record the inclusive dates (i.e., the earliest and latest dates of manufacture of the resource or of the record-keeping activity)~~

~~If no date can be found in the resource or determined from any other source, estimate the nearest year, decade, century or other interval as precisely as possible.~~

~~When it may be misleading to record an estimated date, record *date not identified*.~~