

To: ALA/ALCTS/CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee
Subject: Date of Production and Date of Manufacture elements – should a priority order be provided to prefer data in the resource itself first?

Background:

Deborah Fritz has identified a problem with identifying the source of information for Date of Production (RDA 2.7.6.2). As currently phrased, the date of production can come from any source, with no priority being given to a source in the resource. When the source of information is “any source,” catalogers do not need to indicate in any way that the data is supplied. However, RDA provides conflicting information about this recording this element. In relation to supplied dates, RDA 1.9.2 states in part: “Indicate that the date was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).” Indeed, Date of Production appears on the list of transcribed elements in RDA 2.2.4 which require identification when the element is supplied from outside the resource. Deborah has also noted that subsequent instructions in RDA 2.7 also reference 2.2.4.

In addition, the other elements associated with the Production Statement do provide a priority order. The same situation occurs with Date of Manufacture (RDA 2.10.6.2).

Current text:

2.7.6 Date of Production

2.7.6.2 Sources of Information

Take dates of production from any source.

2.8.6 Date of Publication

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Take dates of publication from the following sources (in order of preference):

- a) the same source as the title proper (see 2.3.2.2)
- b) another source within the resource itself (see 2.2.2)
- c) one of the other sources of information specified at 2.2.4.

For multipart monographs and serials, take the beginning and/or ending date of publication from the first and/or last released issue or part, or from another source.

For integrating resources, take the beginning and/or ending date of publication from the first and/or last iteration, or from another source.

Questions for discussion:

1. Should CC:DA develop a change proposal to address this situation? If so:
2. Should the proposal suggest changes for both Date of Production and Date of Manufacture?
3. Should the new language follow that for Date of Publication (RDA 2.8.6.2), or should it be simplified to just offer:
 - a. a source within the resource itself
 - b. any source
4. If based on Date of Publication, should any of the final paragraphs be omitted? Does that decision apply to both Date of Production and Date of Manufacture?