RDA Fast Track and Other Editorial Changes – August 2016 Summary Notes

The following notes provide a summary of RDA Fast Track changes affecting British Library cataloguing workflows. They also cover revisions designed to support RDA Reference and the RDA Toolkit glossary. These changes are implemented by the August 2016 Release of the RDA Toolkit. Notes include the instruction labels and numbers affected. Changes which involve examples and minor rewording are not included in the summary.

Monographs / Multiparts / Music / Cartographic

Change to Qualification (2.15.1.7) which specifies that if the resource has more than one identifier of the same type, then a brief qualification should be recorded after the identifier “if considered important for identification”.

Restructuring of sub-instructions for Extent (3.4): terms for extent moved from Recording Extent for a Cartographic Resource (3.4.2.2), Recording Extent of Still Images (3.4.4.2) and Recording Extent of Three-dimensional Forms (3.4.6.2) to form a new collected list under the exceptions in Recording Extent (3.4.1.3); terms for extent of text have been included in this list.

Monographs / Multiparts / Serials / Cartographic

Restructuring of sub-instructions for Illustrative Content (7.15): list of exclusions for illustrative content moved to 7.15.1.1 (Scope) from Recording Illustrative Content (7.15.1.3); alternative instruction at 7.15.1.3 now becomes the main instruction; the list of terms for illustrative content at 7.15.1.3 is made singular but plural equivalents can still be recorded; if none of the terms in the list is appropriate or sufficiently specific, then 7.15.1.3 now specifies “use another concise term or terms to indicate the type of illustrative content”.

Cartographic

Deletion of instruction for Nonlinear Scale (7.25.1.5) and replacement with a reference to Additional Scale Information (7.25.5).

New instruction and sub-instructions for Scale Designation (7.25.6); criteria for recording a scale designation added to 7.25.1.1 (Scope).

Monographs (Handheld Digital Only) / Cartographic (Digital Only)

Removal of list of terms from instruction for Recording Encoding Format (3.19.3.3): this instruction now specifies that one or more appropriate terms should be used from “a standard list, if available”.

Cartographic (Digital Only)

New instruction and sub-instructions for Cartographic Data Type (3.19.8.5): list of data types moved to Recording Cartographic Data Types (3.19.8.5.3) from Recording Digital Representation of Cartographic Content (3.19.8.3); if none of the data type terms in the list is appropriate or sufficiently specific, then 3.19.8.5.3 specifies “use another concise term or terms to indicate the cartographic data type”.

Restructuring of terms for Recording Layout (3.11.1.3) to form a collected list.
Music

Change to Publisher’s Number for Music (2.15.2) and sub-instructions, adding the term “notated” to the element name, i.e. Publisher’s Number for Notated Music.

Change to Plate Number for Music (2.15.3) and sub-instructions, adding the term “notated” to the element name, i.e. Plate Number for Notated Music.