RDA Fast Track April 2016 – Summary Notes

The following notes provide a summary of RDA Fast Track changes affecting British Library cataloguing workflows. These changes are implemented by the April 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 / Serials / Multiparts / Maps / Music

Changes to Recording Parallel Other Title Information (2.3.5.3) which restructure the existing wording.

Changes to Scope (2.4.1.1) for statements of responsibility which restructure the existing wording to provide more granular referencing; Changes to Sources of Information (2.4.1.2) for statements of responsibility, removing references equivalent to those in 2.4.1.1.

Change to Scope (2.8.1.1) for publication statements which allows distribution and manufacture statements associated with booksellers to be treated as publication statements in the case of early printed resources. Change to Scope (2.8.4.1) for publishers’ names which removes instruction equivalent to the change in 2.8.1.1. Changes to Scope (2.9.1.1) and (2.10.1.1) for distribution and manufacture statements which add references to the change in 2.8.1.1.

Change to ISBD Presentation (Appendix D.1.) which adds a reference to ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description, consolidated ed. 2011:


Changes to ISBD Punctuation (Appendix D.1.2) which replace the existing General Instructions (D.1.2.1), Title and Statement of Responsibility Area (D.1.2.2), Edition Area (D.1.2.3), Material or Type of Resource Specific Area (D.1.2.4), Publication, Production, Distribution, Etc., Area (D.1.2.5), Physical Description Area (D.1.2.6), Series Area (D.1.2.7), Note Area (D.1.2.8) and Resource Identifier and Terms of Availability Area (D.1.2.9) with references to Other Terms Associated with Titles of Works (A.3.2) and the ISBD consolidated edition.

Change to scope of relationship designators for “addenda (work)” and “addenda to (work)” in Relationship Designators for Works, Expressions, Manifestations and Items (Appendix J.2.5).

Authority Control

Changes to Recording the Preferred Name (9.2.2.4) for the person which restructure the existing wording.

Changes to Recording the Preferred Name (9.2.2.4), Language (9.2.2.5.2), Established Usage (9.2.2.10.1) and Articles and Prepositions (9.2.2.11.1) for the person which remove the term “country” and substitute it with “place”; Changes to Recording the Preferred Name (10.2.2.4) for the family which remove the term “country” and substitute it with “place”.

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Changes to General (E.1.2.1), See References to Authorized Access Points Representing Persons, Families, Corporate Bodies, and Works (E.1.3.2), and See also References to Authorized Access Points Representing Related Persons, Families, Corporate Bodies, and Works (E.1.3.3) which add the term “expression” to those entities already listed.

Changes to Access Points Representing Corporate Bodies (E.1.2.4) which relate to the punctuation separating multiple conference and exhibition locations.