

To: ALA/ALCTS/CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee

Subject: Clarifying core element status for “not identified” elements in the Distribution and Manufacture Statements (RDA 2.9 and 2.10)

Background

Catalogers have been grappling with what constitutes “applicable and readily ascertainable” (RDA 0.6.1) in relation to the core element status associated with the “core” and “core if” elements in the Distribution and Manufacture Statements in RDA 2.9 and 2.10. RDA only provides explicit instructions to record “[XXX] not identified” under certain conditions in Production, Publication, Distribution, and Manufacture Statements (RDA 2.7 through 2.10), and these instructions present particular problems for the Distribution and Manufacture elements. In other parts of RDA, it is understood that unknown core elements may simply be omitted by virtue that they are not “applicable and readily ascertainable.”

The following proposal clarifies the instructions, providing an alternative instruction to omit recording “[XXX] not identified” when the distribution and/or manufacture information is truly unknown. This change has not been proposed for the publication elements, since they are considered core in all cases; and it has not been proposed for the place of production or producer elements, since they are not core under any circumstances. In addition, the instructions for recording an unknown place of publication, distribution and manufacture have been moved to separate sub-instructions (see the proposed move of the final paragraph from 2.8.2.6 to 2.8.2.6.5, for example).

Marked-up copy

2.8.2.6 Place of Publication Not Identified in the Resource

If the place of publication is not identified in the resource, supply the place of publication or probable place of publication. Apply the instructions in this order of preference:

- a) known place (see 2.8.2.6.1)
- b) probable place (see 2.8.2.6.2)
- c) known country, state, province, etc. (see 2.8.2.6.3)
- d) probable country, state, province, etc. (see 2.8.2.6.4)

- e) unknown place (see 2.8.2.6.5).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

~~Record *Place of publication not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of publication can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).~~

2.8.2.6.1 through 2.8.2.6.4 unchanged

2.8.2.6.5 Unknown Place of Publication

Record *Place of publication not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of publication can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

2.9.2.6 Place of Distribution Not Identified in the Resource

If the place of distribution is not identified in the resource, supply the place of distribution or probable place of distribution. Apply the instructions in this order of preference:

- a) known place (see 2.9.2.6.1)
- b) probable place (see 2.9.2.6.2)
- c) known country, state, province, etc. (see 2.9.2.6.3)
- d) probable country, state, province, etc. (see 2.9.2.6.4)
- e) unknown place (see 2.9.2.6.5).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

~~Record *Place of distribution not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of distribution can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).~~

2.9.2.6.1 through 2.9.2.6.4 unchanged

2.9.2.6.5 Unknown Place of Distribution

Record *Place of distribution not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of distribution can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a

source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no place of distribution is named within the resource itself and the place of distribution cannot be determined from other sources, omit the place of distribution.

2.9.4.7 No Distributor Identified

Record *distributor not identified* if:

no distributor is named within the resource itself

and

the distributor cannot be identified from other sources (see 2.2.4).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no distributor is named within the resource itself and the distributor cannot be determined from other sources, omit the distributor.

2.9.6.6 Date of Distribution Not Identified in a Single-Part Resource

If the date of distribution is not identified in a single-part resource, supply the date or an approximate date of distribution (see 1.9.2).

If an approximate date of distribution for a single-part resource cannot reasonably be determined, record date of *distribution not identified*. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no date of distribution is named within the resource itself and the date of distribution cannot be determined from other sources, omit the date of distribution.

2.10.2.6 Place of Manufacture Not Identified in the Resource

If the place of manufacture is not identified in the resource, supply the place of manufacture or probable place of manufacture. Apply the instructions in this order of preference:

- a) known place (see 2.10.2.6.1)
- b) probable place (see 2.10.2.6.2)
- c) known country, state, province, etc. (see 2.10.2.6.3)
- d) probable country, state, province, etc. (see 2.10.2.6.4)
- e) unknown place (see 2.10.2.6.5).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Record *Place of manufacture not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of manufacture can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

2.10.2.6.1 through 2.10.2.6.4 unchanged

2.10.2.6.5 Unknown Place of Manufacture

Record *Place of manufacture not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of manufacture can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no place of manufacture is named within the resource itself and the place of manufacture cannot be determined from other sources, omit the place of manufacture.

2.10.4.7 No Manufacturer Identified

Record *manufacturer not identified* if:

no manufacturer is named within the resource itself

and

the manufacturer cannot be identified from other sources (see 2.2.4).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no manufacturer is named within the resource itself and the manufacturer cannot be determined from other sources, omit the manufacturer.

2.10.6.6 Date of Manufacture Not Identified in a Single-Part Resource

If the date of manufacture is not identified in a single-part resource, supply the date or an approximate date of manufacture (see 1.9.2).

If an approximate date of manufacture for a single-part resource cannot reasonably be determined, record *date of manufacture not identified*. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no date of manufacture is named within the resource itself and the date of manufacture cannot be determined from other sources, omit the date of manufacture.

Clean copy

2.8.2.6 Place of Publication Not Identified in the Resource

If the place of publication is not identified in the resource, supply the place of publication or probable place of publication. Apply the instructions in this order of preference:

- a) known place (see 2.8.2.6.1)
- b) probable place (see 2.8.2.6.2)
- c) known country, state, province, etc. (see 2.8.2.6.3)
- d) probable country, state, province, etc. (see 2.8.2.6.4)
- e) unknown place (see 2.8.2.6.5).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

2.8.2.6.1 through 2.8.2.6.4 unchanged

2.8.2.6.5 Unknown Place of Publication

Record *Place of publication not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of publication can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

2.9.2.6 Place of Distribution Not Identified in the Resource

If the place of distribution is not identified in the resource, supply the place of distribution or probable place of distribution. Apply the instructions in this order of preference:

- a) known place (see 2.9.2.6.1)
- b) probable place (see 2.9.2.6.2)
- c) known country, state, province, etc. (see 2.9.2.6.3)
- d) probable country, state, province, etc. (see 2.9.2.6.4)
- e) unknown place (see 2.9.2.6.5).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

2.9.2.6.1 through 2.9.2.6.4 unchanged

2.9.2.6.5 Unknown Place of Distribution

Record *Place of distribution not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of distribution can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no place of distribution is named within the resource itself and the place of distribution cannot be determined from other sources, omit the place of distribution.

2.9.4.7 No Distributor Identified

Record *distributor not identified* if:

no distributor is named within the resource itself

and

the distributor cannot be identified from other sources (see 2.2.4).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no distributor is named within the resource itself and the distributor cannot be determined from other sources, omit the distributor.

2.9.6.6 Date of Distribution Not Identified in a Single-Part Resource

If the date of distribution is not identified in a single-part resource, supply the date or an approximate date of distribution (see 1.9.2).

If an approximate date of distribution for a single-part resource cannot reasonably be determined, record date of *distribution not identified*. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no date of distribution is named within the resource itself and the date of distribution cannot be determined from other sources, omit the date of distribution.

2.10.2.6 Place of Manufacture Not Identified in the Resource

If the place of manufacture is not identified in the resource, supply the place of manufacture or probable place of manufacture. Apply the instructions in this order of preference:

- a) known place (see 2.10.2.6.1)
- b) probable place (see 2.10.2.6.2)
- c) known country, state, province, etc. (see 2.10.2.6.3)
- d) probable country, state, province, etc. (see 2.10.2.6.4)
- e) unknown place (see 2.10.2.6.5).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

2.10.2.6.1 through 2.10.2.6.4 unchanged

2.10.2.6.5 Unknown Place of Manufacture

Record *Place of manufacture not identified* if neither a known nor a probable local place or country, state, province, etc., of manufacture can be determined. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no place of manufacture is named within the resource itself and the place of manufacture cannot be determined from other sources, omit the place of manufacture.

2.10.4.7 No Manufacturer Identified

Record *manufacturer not identified* if:

no manufacturer is named within the resource itself

and

the manufacturer cannot be identified from other sources (see 2.2.4).

Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no manufacturer is named within the resource itself and the manufacturer cannot be determined from other sources, omit the manufacturer.

2.10.6.6 Date of Manufacture Not Identified in a Single-Part Resource

If the date of manufacture is not identified in a single-part resource, supply the date or an approximate date of manufacture (see 1.9.2).

If an approximate date of manufacture for a single-part resource cannot reasonably be determined, record *date of manufacture not identified*. Indicate that the information was taken from a source outside the resource itself (see 2.2.4).

Alternative

If no date of manufacture is named within the resource itself and the date of manufacture cannot be determined from other sources, omit the date of manufacture.