

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

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Subject: **Dimensions of binding and of item(s) contained therein**

****Note:** there were two errors in the original ACOC response which have been corrected in this revised response: the instruction was numbered incorrectly, and the deletion suggested in the text was not carried out in the instruction.

ACOC supports this proposal to provide instructions for recording the dimensions of a bound item when there is a difference in height and/or width of the resource and its binding.

ACOC agrees that *RDA* should not make a distinction between “common” and “local” situations for the reasons cited by CILIP.

ACOC notes the LC proposal to reinstate and reword the current 3.5.1.3 to specifically address the situation where a single description is being made of a bound volume containing separate bibliographic resources of varying heights. ACOC suggests that this situation could be incorporated into a reworded 3.5.1.1 as follows, removing the need for a separate instruction at 3.5.1.3. ACOC also suggests that the instruction to “Otherwise, record the height of the resource itself” is unnecessary and could be deleted:

3.5.1.1 Recording height

Record the dimensions of a book, etc., by giving the height in metric units. If the book, etc., measures less than 10 centimetres, record the height in millimetres. Otherwise record the height in centimetres.

22 cm

75 mm

If the book, etc. is bound, or is a volume consisting of separate resources of varying height bound together and being described as a whole, record the height of the binding. ~~Otherwise, record the height of the resource itself.~~

Optionally, for a bound item, if the difference in height between the resource and its binding is considered to be important, record the height of the resource followed by the height of the binding, connected by an appropriate phrase. For resources of varying height bound together, give the smallest and largest height separated by a hyphen.

22 cm in binding 24 cm

20 – 30 cm in binding 32 cm