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**Data Service: Changes in MARC 21 format for holdings data of the German Union Catalogue of Serials (ZDB) from week 03, 2014**

Dear Sir or Madam

This is to inform you of the upcoming changes in MARC 21 format for holdings data of the German Union Catalogue of Serials (ZDB) from week 03, 2014 (13 - 17 January 2014):

**MARC field 007 (Physical description fixed field - Microform) at position 11 (Generation)**

The following two changes have been made in MARC field 007 for microforms regarding position 11 (Generation):

- The previous default value "z" is replaced by the default value "u" (unknown).
- The conditions for the issue of value "a" (first generation - master) have been specified in more detail.

**MARC field 856 (Electronic location and access), indicator 1 (Access method)**

The default value for indicator 1 (Access method) has been changed in MARC field 856. Up to now a blank "\_" has been issued as the default, whereas the next release will contain "4" (HTTP) as the default value.

The official Library of Congress documentation of the fields described can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/marc/holdings/echdhome.html>.

The full format concordance of the holdings data is available in PDF and Excel versions at <http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>. In order to provide a brief summary of the changes made since publication of the previous description, all changes to the previous version are given on the first pages of the PDF versions in each case.

A sample file with the name ZDBlokTestRelease01\_2014 containing the notified changes and the new field can be found on our website at <http://datendienst.dnb.de/cgi-bin/mabit.pl?userID=testdat&pass=testdat&cmd=login>.

The text of this circular is also available on our homepage at <http://www.dnb.de/EN/dataservicesnews>.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at [datendienste@dnb.de](mailto:datendienste@dnb.de) or phone us on the usual numbers.

Best regards,

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