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# Changes to Integrated Authority File (GND) data deliveries from 1 October 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

As announced in the notification regarding the introduction of bibliographic data cataloguing based on the Resource Description and Access (RDA)<sup>1</sup> standard, there will only be an export release of the MARC 21 format for bibliographic and not for authority data on 1 October 2015.

The introduction of RDA on 1 October 2015 will, however, also be accompanied by a change in the input of new entity codes in the GND authority records. These will be delivered in MARC field 079 (Authority data codes) subfield \$v (Codes for entity subdivisions).

The following new codes will be used:

- | "saf" ("sa" = general subject term, "f" = formal content information)
- | "sad" ("sa" = general subject term, "d" = data carrier)
- | "sam" ("sa" = general subject term, "m" = musical form of issue)

Background: The sa\* codes in the bibliographic data control how MARC field 655 (Index term - genre/form), subfield \$2 (Source of term) is filled. The GND entity code is based on the following system:

- | "saf" = \$2 "gnd-content"
- | "sad" = \$2 "gnd-carrier"
- | "sam" = \$2 "gnd-music"

The data may also contain the following new code:

- | "wie" = Expression

The new codes are scheduled to be incorporated soon after their introduction into the full list of entity codes. This is available on the GND web pages<sup>2</sup>.

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<http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/rundschreiben20150105AnkueundigungEinfuehrungRda.pdf>

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<http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/DNB/standardisierung/inhalterschliessung/entitaetenCodes.pdf>

# Unconfirmed advance information about the next release but one

Please note that this advance information on possible future changes cannot be complete; changes may also be postponed to a later release or shelved entirely. Similarly, there may also be further major changes to the content. Which points are actually implemented can be found in the relevant release notification which will be issued in mid-October 2015.

Further information on the release cycle can be obtained from: <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wgcbBO>

Planned changes in the **next release but one**, scheduled for mid-January 2016, include the following:

## Authority data:

- | Revision of MARC field 008, positions 14 (Heading use – main or added entry) and 15 (Heading use – subject added entry). The objective of this change is for:
  - o position 14 to designate all data records which can be used for descriptive cataloguing.
  - o position 15 to designate all data records which can be used for subject cataloguing (previously all data records which had been used for subject cataloguing were designated).

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.

Yours faithfully,  
on behalf of Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library)  
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