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Data Service: Supplement to "Changes in MARC 21 format for bibliographic data from 1 October 2015"

Dear Sir or Madam

Judging from the initial feedback we have received, it is apparent that misunderstandings have arisen regarding the effect of the format changes on legacy data without RDA elements and on mixed forms. Accordingly we would like to re-emphasise that the format changes apply to all three variants: to RDA data, to legacy data and to any mixed forms which may arise in the future.

Please note the following passages from our advance notice regarding the changes in MARC 21 format for bibliographic data from 1 October 2015 (Export Release 03/2015 = RDA Release)[1]:

"1. General Information

There are no plans for revision/retrospective processing of all existing bibliographic descriptions (legacy data) to RDA rules, although the revision of individual fields is being considered. Current data deliveries of the Deutsche Nationalbibliografie series will continue to contain data records catalogued using RAK-WB until the training courses at the DNB have been completed at the end of 2015. In the future, existing data which were originally catalogued using RAK-WB or other cataloguing codes may contain individual RDA-based elements.
If a data record is catalogued using RDA, it will be marked accordingly in the 040 MARC field (see 6.2.3.). "

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[1]
http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/rundschreiben20150617AenderungenMarc21TiteldatenEn.pdf

"7. Further information

… Please note that the file contains RDA data records, data records with RDA elements (mixed data records) and also legacy data without RDA elements, as will also be the case in the data deliveries after 1 October 2015. It is possible to select RDA data records on the basis of the "rda" code in MARC field 040 (see 6.2.3.). The test samples are structurally correct, as is the data format structure. The range and the combination of the fields could, however, be greater than will actually be the case in normal RDA records following the introduction of RDA validation (currently at planning stage).
Additionally the file "TitelTest_gueltig_bis_Ende_Sept2015" is supplied to allow comparison between the current MARC export (valid until end of September 2015) and the version which will be deployed from 1st October 2015. This file includes only legacy data without RDA elements. "

Supplementary to this notice we would like to draw your attention to the documentation of the changes for legacy data without RDA elements which can be found in the freely accessible RDA Info Wiki[2].

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

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[2] https://wiki.dnb.de/x/CwvVBQ