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Data Service: Advance information about planned changes in MARC 21 format for bibliographic data from September 2017 (Export Release 2017.03)

Dear Sir or Madam

Since the 2017.02 release is being omitted this year due to the technical review of the conversion service, we are now providing information about the expected changes in Export Release 2017.03.

Please note that this advance information on possible future changes is, by its nature, incomplete; 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 in fact implemented can be found in the corresponding release announcement which will be published in mid-June 2017.

Information on the release cycle can be obtained at: <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wgcbBQ>.

The release scheduled for mid-September 2017 includes the following changes for bibliographic data:

- | Revision of data deliveries with regard to subfield \$8 (Field link and sequence number) for the purpose of uniformity and also first-time delivery of the new code "u" (General linking, type unspecified) (posted in update 23¹). The following MARC fields are affected: 082/083/085 (DDC), 336/337/338 (IMD), 363 (Normalized date and sequential designation), 883 (Provenance) and for the first time in fields 6XX (Subject Access Fields)
- | Delivery of the origin of automatically-issued GND subject headings and GND subject headings from external data (MARC fields 6XX) in the MARC field 883 (Machine-generated metadata provenance)
- | Local MARC field 689 (RSWK subject heading sequence):
 - o Adaptation of the logic for subfield \$D (GND entity type) for links to works
 - o In practice the 2nd indicator was only delivered up to a maximum value of "5", now it continues up to "9".

¹ <http://www.loc.gov/marc/status.html>

- | Voice recordings: revision of MARC field 007 (position 00 = "s", sound recording), position 01 will be issued with the value "d" = sound disc.
- | Parallel title: in addition to delivery in MARC field 245 (Title statement) this is now also given in MARC field 246 (Varying form of title) by the new second indicator "1" (Parallel title)

The official documentation of the fields described can be found on the Library of Congress website². The current and complete field description for bibliographic data is held on the DNB website in PDF and Excel versions³. In order to provide a brief overview of the changes made since publication of the previous concordance, all changes to the previous version are given on the first pages of the current field description in the PDF versions in each case.

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

Yours faithfully,
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² <https://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/>

³ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>