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Data Service and Interfaces: Advance information about planned changes in MARC 21 format for authority data from October 2018 (Export Release 2018.03)

Dear Sir or Madam

Since Release 2018.02 contains no changes regarding the Integrated Authority File (GND), we are now providing information about the expected changes in Export Release 2018.03.

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

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 early July 2018.

Planned changes regarding authority data in the release scheduled for early October 2018 include the following:

- | MARC field 382 (Medium of Performance) (R): Introduction of new subfields to reflect the changes in the Resource Description and Access¹ (RDA) cataloguing code from August 2017. The subfields are to be expanded to include \$e (Number of ensembles of the same type) (R) and \$t (Total number of ensembles) (NR).
- | MARC field 042 (Authentication code) (NR): New content "gndz" (GND protected record) in subfield \$a (Authentication code) (R) to label restricted authority data. Changes to these data records can only be made with the relevant authorisation. Otherwise the changes are rejected upon attempting to save in the GND. Further information to follow.

The official documentation of the MARC fields described can be found on the Library of Congress website².

¹ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/rda>

² <http://www.loc.gov/marc/authority/>

The current complete field description for the Integrated Authority File is held on the German National Library website (DNB³) in PDF and Excel versions. 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,
on behalf of Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library)

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³ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>