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Metadata Services: Changes in MARC 21 format for holdings data from 6 June 2023 (Export Release 2023.02)

Dear Sir or Madam

We would like to draw your attention to the Export Release 2023.02 of the MARC 21 format for holdings data.
Formats are modified in a fixed chronological sequence (release cycle)[1]. We announce these modifications three months beforehand and keep you informed via the Metadata service newsletter[2].

1. Schedule

The release planning includes an external test phase. The field description and the test data are published at the beginning of this phase (see section 3). In the subsequent two weeks all data purchasers can evaluate the test data for errors or irregularities and report them.

For the 2023.02 release, the external test phase is:

| 6 – 17 March 2023

Please send any feedback (including examples) by 17 March 2023 to metadatendienste@dnb.de.

No further adjustments will be made to the scheduled release once the external test phase has ended. If we receive feedback at a later date, we will examine whether any corrections can be made; such corrections will not be issued any earlier than the following release.
The test data will be also available for testing the import after the end of the external test phase.

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[1] https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wgcbBQ
[2] https://www.dnb.de/metadatanews

2. Format changes

The changes will apply from:

| | 6 June 2023 (There may be disruptions to the interfaces and the Data Shop between 08:00 and 12:00 noon during the technical changeover.)
| | Delivery 23, 2023 of the ZDB change service expected available 7 June 2023

2.1. MARC field 859 (Holdings data and license periods in standardized format) (R): new version of MARC field exported

A new version of MARC field 859 (Holdings data and license periods in standardized format) (R) is to be used as part of the process of optimising the data format used for ZDB holdings data. MARC field 869 (Retention and availability period, moving wall for call number) (R) will be eliminated during the course of this adjustment since the contents will be delivered together in MARC field 859. Detailed information and examples are available on the public Wiki page[3] (only available in German) created for this purpose.

3. Further information and test data

The official Library of Congress documentation of the fields described can be found at
https://www.loc.gov/marc/holdings/.
The full description of holdings data fields is available in PDF and Excel versions at
https://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21.
In order to provide a brief overview 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 containing metadata with the announced changes will be made available in the following days in MARC 21 and MARC21-xml formats with the file name LokalTestRelease2023_02".
under https://data.dnb.de/testdat.

4. Unconfirmed advance information about the next but one release

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. Please refer to the release announcement to be published in June 2023 (which will go into productive use in September 2023) for information on the specific points to be implemented.

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[3] https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wpQgDw

For the next but one release end of September 2023, no changes are being planned at the moment.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at metadatendienste@dnb.de.