

# USMAI Consortium of Libraries

University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions

Cataloging Policy Committee (CPC)

## Requesting changes to validation tables, indexes, and bibliographic loaders 20051104

Changes to ALEPH validation tables, indexes, and loaders have enormous impact potential on all catalogusmai. This potential requires that considerable effort be spent in assessing, vetting and implementing such changes. As a result, requesting this kind of change as an AlephRx submission to ITD seems an inappropriate use of that system.

USMAI CPC, in its evaluative function for the catalog/database community, will receive and assess change proposals in these areas, canvas other stakeholder communities, make a recommendation to the COI(s). CPC will evaluate comments and considerations raised in the COI(s) and further refine the recommendation as appropriate. CPC submits successful proposals via AlephRx to ITD for implementation. CPC Liaisons may assist their assigned institutions in crafting change proposals. Proposals lacking a clear consensus of opinion within the communities may be submitted for Campus Contact vote.

- Validation tables—may be reviewed annually, whether or not a major change to MARC21 standards for bibliographic, holdings, or authorities has occurred.

CPC will sponsor such systematic reviews, soliciting change proposals and reactions to such from the Cataloging, Database Maintenance ([COIcatdbmaint@itd.umd.edu](mailto:COIcatdbmaint@itd.umd.edu)) and Serials and Acquisitions processing ([COIseracq@itd.umd.edu](mailto:COIseracq@itd.umd.edu)) communities.

Proposals should address questions such as the following:

- Validate tag or scenario so it doesn't require override or edit to save to server?
- Invalidate tag or scenario to require valid edit to save to server?
- Indexes—may be reviewed with version upgrades or module implementation involving new indexes.

CPC will initiate/participate in cross-modular index revisions, ceding to the User Interface ([COIuserinter@itd.umd.edu](mailto:COIuserinter@itd.umd.edu)) community the determination of indexing requirements, search prompts, and data display for WebPac. GUIPac indexing changes and search prompts affect all ALEPH modules, and proposals must take the needs of all into consideration.

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- What tags, with what indicators, or what subfields should be indexed or de-indexed, and in/from which index(es)?
  - How has similar data been indexed in catalogusmai?
  - How does the proposed change affect WebPac retrieval? What changes to WebPac prompts and data display may be needed as a result?
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- Loaders (existing)—may be assessed for changes as high impact problems are identified. The Ongoing OCLC loader <at <http://usmai.umd.edu/catdbmaint/OngoingOCLCLoader20050221-.html>> serves as the prototype which all other USMAI loaders reference and change proposals should include solid justifications for alterations for their potential impact on all loaders as well as on the database.