**Treatment of Foreign-Language Subject Headings**

Foreign language subject headings may appear on copy cataloging records, and some state university libraries have added them on records for foreign-language works in addition to LC Subject Headings. The OPAC Subcommittee has said it would like to retain foreign-language subject headings in records.

The Metadata Subcommittee agrees that foreign-language subject headings in copy cataloged records should be retained. Additionally, libraries should have the option of adding foreign-language subject headings in original cataloging records or when not present in copy cataloging records. However, this is strictly an option and no libraries should be required to add them.

If such headings are used in a record, the second indicator, and if necessary, subfield 2, of MARC fields 600-651 and 655 should indicate which thesaurus was the source of the heading. Use of second indicator 6 means that Répertoire de vedettes-matière was used as thesaurus. If another thesaurus is used, the second indicator should be coded as 7 and subfield 2 should give the code for the applicable thesaurus. The codes are available at <http://www.loc.gov/marc/sourcelist/>.

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