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**Subject: EXFOR Formats Manual Chapter 7 “EXP-YEAR”**

EXFOR Formats Manual Chapter 7 introduces coding format for the keyword EXP-YEAR as follows:

**EXP-YEAR**. Defines the year in which the experiment was performed when it differs significantly from the date of the references given (e.g., classified data published years later).

1. Presence is optional, but if present, it must have coded information.

2. The format of the code is (YYYY) where YYYY is the year.

***Example*:** EXP-YEAR (1965)

From this description, it is not clear if we can parenthesize several years together.

***Example:***

ENTRY C 40168 20250303 40168000 1

SUBENT C 40168001 20250303 40168001 1

BIB 14 30 40168001 2

TITLE Measurement of the angular distribution of 0.9-MeV 40168001 3

 neutrons elastically scattered on Bi, Pb, Sn, Fe, and 40168001 4

 Al 40168001 5

AUTHOR (G.N.Lovchikova) 40168001 6

REFERENCE (J,SJA,2,197,1957) Engl.translation of AE,2,174,1957 40168001 7

 (J,AE,2,174,1957) Issue 2. 40168001 8

INSTITUTE (4RUSFEI) 40168001 9

**EXP-YEAR (1953) 1953-1954** 40168001 10

INC-SOURCE (PHOTO) Sodium-gamma-beryllium 40168001 11

METHOD Ring geometry 40168001 12

I do not foresee a problem caused by presence of several years parenthesized together, and propose the following revision in the manual:

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1. Presence is optional, but if present, it must have coded information.

2. The format of the code is YYYY where YYYY is the year.

***Example*:**

EXP-YEAR (1965)

EXP-YEAR (1953,1954)

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