

HISTORY coding

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The following rule is proposed:

HISTORY record should be

1. always added in the common subentry (001) when data subentries are updated;
2. also added in data subentries when coded information (except 2 digits year to 4 digits year) is changed in the data subentries.”

The latter helps trans files checking. If history line is given only in the common subentry, we often have to scroll the computer screen to know what is corrected in the transmission. On the other hand repetition of HISTORY record in all data subentries is useless for trivial changes (e.g. upper case to lower case, communiqué edition etc.)

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When data subentries (i.e. 002, 003 ...) without the correction of the common subentry (001), we can observe the following 3 variations in HISTORY coding:

- (1) Insert HISTORY record in the common subentry (.001) only.
- (2) Insert HISTORY record in the corrected data subentry only.
- (3) Insert HISTORY records both in common and data subentries.

We would propose the following rule:

HISTORY record should be

1. always added in the common subentry (001) when data subentries are updated;
2. also added in data subentries when coded information (except 2 digits year to 4 digits year) is changed in the data subentries.

Corrections in data subentries (002, 003 ...) should be explained precisely and shortly, for example,

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      HISTORY      (20081123A) SF3: P -> INL
, rather than
      HISTORY      (20081123A) REACTION corrected
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Example

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ENTRY      C      31562      20081114      3156200000001C
SUBENT     C      31562001      20081114      3156200100001C
BIB        17      52      3156200100002
REFERENCE  (J,RCA,75,175,1996)      3156200100007
...
HISTORY    (20051214C)      3156200100053
           (20081114A) 006,007,009,011 corrected 3156200100054I
ENDBIB     52      0      3156200100055
...
ENDSUBENT      62      0      3156200199999
SUBENT     C      31562006      20081114      3156200600001C
BIB        3      3      3156200600002
REACTION   (50-SN-116(N,P)49-IN-116-G,,SIG,,FIS) 3156200600003C
COMMENT    g.s. production (J.H.Zaidi, 2008-09-09) 3156200600004I
HISTORY    (20081114A) SF4: -G added      3156200600005I
ENDBIB     3      0      3156200600006
...
ENDSUBENT      11      0      3156200699999
...
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