

ONIX for Books Codelists Issue 49

This is the consolidated list of agreed additions and updates for Issue 49 of the ONIX for Books Codelists, ratified by the ONIX International Steering Committee at its ‘virtual meeting’ during the London Book Fair in October 2019. This conference call of the Committee resolved the remaining issues raised by ONIX national groups following initial distribution of the proposals.

These ONIX codes (issue 49) are available in various formats via the EDITEUR website, and via a multilingual interactive browser at <https://ns.editeur.org/onix>

Codelists Issue 49 Additions and updates

Within the tables, **proposed additions are in red**, **updates and clarifications in blue** and unchanged text is in black.

List 17 – Contributor role

Code	Label	Note
Z04	Peer reviewed	Use with <UnnamedPersons> code 02 as a ‘flag’ to indicate the publication is anonymously peer-reviewed. For use in ONIX 3.0 only

List 18 – Name type

Code	Label	Note
07	Fictional character name	Use only within <NameAsSubject>, to indicate the subject is fictional. For use in ONIX 3.0 only

List 19 – Unnamed person(s)

Code	Label	Note
02	Anonymous	Note that Anonymous can be interpreted as singular or plural
04	Various	Use for example when the product is a pack of books by different authors
05	Synthesized voice – male	Use with Contributor role code E07 ‘read by’, eg for audio books
06	Synthesized voice – female	Use with Contributor role code E07 ‘read by’, eg for audio books
07	Synthesized voice – unspecified	Use with Contributor role code E07 ‘read by’, eg for audio books

08	Synthesised voice – based on real voice actor	Use with Contributor role code E07 ‘read by’, eg for audio books, and provide name of voice actor in <AlternativeName>. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
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The change to code 04 recognises that ‘Various’ may be used with roles other than ‘author’. Codes 05–07 remove the text ‘for blind readers’, recognising that audiobooks with synthetic voices are in some cases mainstream products and not solely for visually impaired readers. Code 08 is to support the use of synthesised voices using deep (machine) learning techniques based on samples from credited actors.

List 21 – Edition type

Code	Label	Note
CMB	Combined volume	An edition in which two or more works also published separately are combined in a single volume; AKA ‘omnibus’ edition (fr: ‘intègrale’)

List 23 – Extent type

Code	Label	Note
02	Total text length	Number of words or characters of natural language text
22	Filesize	Approximate size of a digital file, expressed in the specified extent unit

Code 02 was formerly ‘Number of words’, but may now be used to provide a word or character count using codes 01, 02 from List 24. Since <ExtentUnit> is mandatory, the Extent type need not specify the units.

List 24 – Extent unit

Code	Label	Note
01	Characters	Approximate number of characters (including spaces) of natural language text. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
02	Words	Approximate number of words of natural language text
16	Hours minutes seconds HHHMMSS	Fill with leading zeroes if any elements are missing. If centisecond precision is required, use HHHMMSScc (in ONIX 3.0 only)

List 34 – Text format

Code	Label	Note
06	Default text format	Default: plain text containing no markup tags of any kind, except for the character entities & and < that XML insists must be used to represent ampersand and less-than characters in textual data , and in the encoding declared at the head of the message or in the XML default (UTF-8 or UTF-16) if there is no explicit declaration
07	Basic ASCII text	Plain text containing no markup tags of any kind, except for the character entities & and < that XML insists must be used to represent ampersand and less-than characters in textual data , and with the character set limited to the ASCII range, i.e. valid characters whose Unicode character numbers lie between 32 (space) and 126 (tilde)

Of note, Return and Tab are not valid in Basic ASCII text, and are likely to be ignored if included in the Default text format. Both plain text formats are only suitable for a single ‘paragraph’ of text. Multi-paragraph text requires the use of HTML or XHTML markup.

List 71 – Sales restriction type

Code	Label	Note
01	Retailer exclusive / own brand	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales through designated retailer(s), which must be identified or named in an instance of the <SalesOutlet> composite. Use only when it is not possible to assign the more explicit codes 04 or 05
02	Through office supplies outlets only	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales though office supplies channels . Specific outlet(s) may be identified or named in an instance of the <SalesOutlet> composite
04	Retailer exclusive	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales (under the publisher’s brand / imprint) through the designated retailer(s), which must be identified or named in an instance of the <SalesOutlet> composite
05	Retailer own brand	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales (under the retailer’s own brand / imprint) through the designated retailer(s), which must be identified or named in an instance of the <SalesOutlet> composite
06	To libraries only	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to supplies to libraries
07	To Schools only	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to supplies to schools
09	Except to libraries	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to supplies other than to libraries
10	Through news outlets only	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales through news outlet channels (newsstands / newsagents)

11	Retailer exception	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales other than through the designated retailer(s), which must be identified or named in an instance of the <SalesOutlet> composite
12	Except to subscription services	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to supplies other than to organisations or services offering consumers subscription access to a catalogue of books
13	To subscription services only	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to supplies to organisations or services offering consumers subscription access to a catalogue of books
14	Except through online retail	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales other than through online retail channels
15	Through online retail only	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to sales through online retail channels
16	Except to schools	Sales rights (or market distribution rights) apply to supplies other than to schools

These revisions delete the word ‘edition’, to remove any implication that the restriction applies only to a special edition or version of the product, and enables each code to be used within <SalesRights> with a much clearer meaning – thus a product can be ‘for sale to libraries only’ or ‘not for sale to libraries (only)’ – the latter can also be expressed as ‘for sale except to libraries’.

Note the interpretation of the former – the sales rights are ‘for sale’, and those sales rights are restricted ‘to libraries only’. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not the *restriction* that applies to libraries only – it is the sales rights expressed in <SalesRightsType> that ‘applies to supplies to libraries only’. These changes in wording – although extensive – do not change the meaning of existing data using these codes.

The example below describes a product where the publisher holds world (publishing) rights, and chooses to exercise those rights broadly across a range of Anglophone countries without restrictions. In non-Anglophone countries, the sales rights are restricted – the product is not for sale to libraries:

```
<SalesRights>
  <SalesRightsType>01</SalesRightsType>          <!-- for sale -->
  <Territory>
    <CountriesIncluded>GB US CA AU NZ ZA</CountriesIncluded>
  </Territory>
  <SalesRestriction>
    <SalesRestrictionType>99</SalesRestrictionType> <!-- with no restrictions -->
  </SalesRestriction>
</SalesRights>

<SalesRights>
  <SalesRightsType>01</SalesRightsType>          <!-- for sale -->
  <Territory>
    <RegionsIncluded>WORLD</RegionsIncluded>
    <CountriesExcluded>GB US CA AU NZ ZA</CountriesExcluded>
  </Territory>
  <SalesRestriction>
    <SalesRestrictionType>09</SalesRestrictionType> <!-- except to libraries -->
  </SalesRestriction>
</SalesRights>
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In the above, there are two complementary territories – one of six countries, and one of everywhere except those six countries. The product is ‘for sale’ in both, but in the second the sales rights are restricted.

Note that the extra detail below is implied by the two <SalesRights> composites above: it could in theory be added explicitly, in order to clarify that the publisher has the exclusive publishing rights that would cover the remaining library sales, but actively chooses not to exercise them:

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<SalesRights>
  <SalesRightsType>04</SalesRightsType>.           <!-- not for sale (but publisher
  <Territory>                                       holds exclusive rights) -->
    <RegionsIncluded>WORLD</RegionsIncluded>
    <CountriesExcluded>GB US CA AU NZ ZA</CountriesExcluded>
  </Territory>
  <SalesRestriction>
    <SalesRestrictionType>06</SalesRestrictionType> <!-- to libraries only -->
  </SalesRestriction>
</SalesRights>
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However, the addition of restrictions to <SalesRights> composites where the product is ‘not for sale’ is not recommended for general ONIX use, and recipients uninterested in details of the underlying publishing rights should choose to ignore any <SalesRights> composites which specify ‘not for sale’ with a restriction.

List 74 – Language

Code	Label	Note
egl	Emilian	ONIX local code for Italian dialect, equivalent to egl in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
lij	Ligurian	ONIX local code for Italian dialect, equivalent to lij in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
lmo	Lombard	ONIX local code for Italian dialect, equivalent to lmo in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
pms	Piedmontese	ONIX local code for Italian dialect, equivalent to pms in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
rgl	Romagnol	ONIX local code for Italian dialect, equivalent to rgl in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
sdc	Sassarese	ONIX local code for Sardinian dialect, equivalent to sdc in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
sdn	Gallurese	ONIX local code for Sardinian dialect, equivalent to sdn in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
sro	Campidanese	ONIX local code for Sardinian dialect, equivalent to sro in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only
vec	Venetian/Venetan	ONIX local code for Italian dialect, equivalent to vec in ISO 639-3. For use in ONIX 3.0 only

These additions allow specification of a range of Italian and Sardinian dialects, each with a distinct code from ISO 639-3.

ONIX List 74 is largely based on ISO 639-2 (with around 500 languages). Languages in the ISO 639-3 list (around 8000 languages) are *not* part of the ONIX list by default. The established practice is that new languages can be added to ONIX relatively easily, whether they have ISO 639-3 codes or not. In both cases, evidence of real-world books *in* that language is required. Books *about* a language may need additions in *Thema* and other subject schemes.

List 139 – ONIX retail sales outlet Identifier

Code	Label	Note
SPL	Suomalainen Plus	For use in ONIX 3.0 only

List 150 – Product form

Code	Label	Note
XN	Pack (outer packaging unspecified)	A quantity pack with its own product code, usually for trade supply only: the multiple retail items it contains are intended for sale individually. ISBN (where applicable) and format of contained items must be given in <ProductPart>. Use only when the pack is neither shrink-wrapped nor boxed

List 175 – Product form detail

Code	Label	Note
P105	Poster calendar	Large single-sheet calendar intended for hanging. Use with Product Form code PC or PK
P106	Wall calendar	Large calendar intended for hanging, usually one page per month. Use with Product Form code PC
P115	Family planner	Wall or poster calendar with entries for each family member. Use with Product Form code PC or PK

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