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CHANGES TO SUBJECT HEADING
AND CLASSIFICATION MDS PRODUCTS

Effective with classification and subject headings weekly list 1121 (dated June 15, 2011), the Policy and Standards Division will change the frequency of the tentative and the approved weekly lists to a monthly schedule. The implementation of a new system for creating subject heading proposals, similar to the current system for making classification proposals, makes this an opportune time to realign workflows to increase efficiency in all division operations. The review process for new and change proposals has not changed; they will be reviewed by subject cataloging policy specialists and by SACO specialists as appropriate. The tentative lists posted to the web for comments, the red marked-up copy of the tentative list that contains the changes made at the editorial meeting, and the final approved lists will all continue to be posted at the same Web sites, or emails.

Subscribers to the weekly distribution of subject authorities and classification records via the MARC Distribution Services from the Cataloging Distribution Service will notice weekly distribution files will vary in size much more than in the past due to the change in the frequency of the lists. Some weekly distribution files may not contain any records while the file distributed after the monthly approval cycle will be larger than current weekly files.

Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to:

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