

ONIX for Books codelists Issue 64

This is the consolidated list of additions and updates for Issue 64 of the ONIX for Books codelists, published in late January 2024. This set of proposals was circulated for comment to the ONIX national groups and direct to EDItEUR members who subscribe to the **member-news-from@editeur.groups.io** mailing list (who may not be in touch with a national group). Feedback received and issues raised with EDItEUR by were resolved prior publication.

Codelists Issue 64 additions and changes

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

List 9 – Product classification type

Code	Label	Note
17	CCT	Canadian Customs Tariff scheme, 8 or 10 digits for imports into and exports from Canada. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. See https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/menu-eng.html
18	CACT	Australian ‘Working tariff’. Combined Australian Customs Tariff Nomenclature and Statistical Classification. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. See https://www.abf.gov.au/importing-exporting-and-manufacturing/tariff-classification
19	NICO	Mexican Número de Identificación Comercial, 10 digits for imports into and exports from Mexico. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. See https://www.snice.gob.mx/cs/avi/snice/nico.ligie.html

These are the customs codes used for import and export of books and other publishing products. For countries that don’t have their own codes in List 9, the WCO ‘Harmonized System’ codes (6 digits) are recommended as a minimum, but if a country has its own tariff codes, they can be proposed for addition to List 9.

List 17 – Contributor role

Code	Label	Note
A49	Cover inker	Renders final comic book cover line art based on work of the cover designer (code A36), where different from the inker of interior line art. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
A50	Cover colorist	Provides comic book cover color art and effects, where different from the colorist of the interior art and effects. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
A52	Original character design	(for comic books). Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later

Z05	Posthumously completed by	May be associated with any contributor role, and placement should therefore be controlled by contributor sequence numbering. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
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Z05 is for use when a contributor's part-finished novel or other work is completed by another writer, often working from detailed notes and/or unfinished manuscript left by the primary author. Note the distinction between this and A42 'Continued by', where a) the original author is not necessarily deceased and b) the new author has taken over updating of successive editions rather than finishing a single edition. The other proposed codes are for use primarily in comic book and manga publishing, where special editions with alternate cover art are sometimes available.

Related to Z05 is the ideal of 'posthumously published'. This is a relationship between the contributor's date of death in <ContributorDate> and the Publication date – or more likely, the Date of first publication – in <PublishingDate>.

List 18 – Person / organization name type

Code	Label	Note
07	Fictional character name	Use only within <NameAsSubject> to indicate the subject is fictional, or with <AlternativeName> alongside <UnnamedPersons> to indicate a human-like name for a synthetic voice or AI. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later

This extends the use of <AlternativeName> to provide names for AI systems used to creating text or images, or synthesizing voices for audiobooks (kinda like 'Alexa' or 'Siri'). Note that an AI voice 'trained' on the voice of a *particular* real person may use <AlternativeName> with Name type 04.

List 21 – Edition type

Code	Label	Note
DGO	Digital original	A digital product that, at the time of publication, has or had no physical counterpart and that is or was not expected to have a physical counterpart for a reasonable time (recommended at least 30 days following publication)
NUM	Edition with numbered copies	A limited or collectors' edition in which each copy is individually numbered, and the actual number of copies is strictly limited. Note that the supplier may limit the number of orders fulfilled per retail outlet. Use <EditionStatement> to give details of the number of copies printed
UNN	Edition with unnumbered copies	A limited or collectors' edition in which each copy is not individually numbered – but where the actual number of copies is strictly limited. Note that the supplier may limit the number of orders fulfilled per retail outlet. Use <EditionStatement> to give details of the number of copies printed

Note SPE (Special edition) is sometimes used for collectors' editions, but codes NUM and UNN are preferred for editions where the number of copies is strictly limited, and SIG is preferred for signed copies. Note also that <EditionType> is repeatable where appropriate – for example where copies

are both signed and numbered. The change to DGO makes it clear it can be applied to digital original audio as well as print products.

List 28 – Audience type

Code	Label	Note
01	General / adult	For a non-specialist or ‘popular’ adult audience. Consider also adding an ONIX Adult audience rating

Code 01 should be used for all adult books that are not specifically aimed at an adult education, academic, scholarly or professional audience.

List 50 – Measure unit

Code	Label	Note
lb	Pounds (US)	Ounces are the preferred US customary unit of weight

List 73 – Website role

Code	Label	Note
41	Social networking URL for specific work or product	For example, a Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Pinterest, Tiktok (including Booktok), Twitter (latterly, X) or similar URL for the product or work
47	Publisher’s website for digital preservation	The URL of the publisher’s preservation service, or a more specific URL for access to its preservation metadata, to provide confirmation of the preservation status of the product. <WebsiteDescription> may contain the name of the service. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
48	Third-party website for digital preservation	The URL of the preservation service (eg https://clockss.org), or a more specific URL for access to its preservation metadata, to provide confirmation of the preservation status of the product. <WebsiteDescription> may contain the name of the service. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
50	Organization’s website for environmental responsibility statement	The URL of a web page describing the environmental and sustainability policies, carbon neutrality status, etc of the organization (publisher, supplier etc). For environmental sustainability of the product itself, see List 79. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
51	Legal deposit website for digital preservation	The URL of a digital legal deposit service (eg https://www.legaldeposit.org.uk), or a more specific URL for access to its preservation metadata, to provide confirmation of the digital legal deposit status of the product. <WebsiteDescription> may contain the name of the service. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later

Codes 42–44 have also been modified to include mention of Booktok and X (see code 41 above).

List 74 – Language (based on ISO 639-2/B)

Code	Label	Note
kqs	Kissi, Northern	Kisi (Guinean language). ONIX local code, equivalent to kqs in ISO 639-3. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. Do not confuse with Kisi (Tanzanian language)
kss	Kissi, Southern	Kisi (Liberian language). ONIX local code, equivalent to kss in ISO 639-3. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. Do not confuse with Kisi (Tanzanian language)
qnf	Norman French	Normand, of which Guernésiais, Jèrriais are distinct dialects. ONIX local code (not distinguished from nrf in ISO 639-3). Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
rmg	Traveler Norwegian	ONIX local code for Norwegian Scandoromani variant, equivalent to rmg in ISO 639-3. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later

List 83 – Bible version

Code	Label	Note
BLA	Biblia de las Americas	(LBLA) Spanish translation by the Lockman Foundation, first published in 1986 and updated in 1995, 1997. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
BLB	Nueva Biblia de las Americas	(NBLA) Updated Spanish translation by the Lockman Foundation, first published in 2005. Also known as Nueva Biblia Latinoamericana de Hoy (NBLH), Nueva Biblia de los Hispanos (NBH), and Nueva Biblia Latinoamericana (NBL). Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
NBG	Norsk Bibel 88	Norwegian Bible translation
NBJ	Norsk Bibel 88/rev. 2007	Norwegian Bible translation. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
NBK	Fauskanger 2015	Norwegian Bible translation, with commentary. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
NBP	Pollestad 2023	Norwegian Bible translation. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later

List 139 – ONIX retail sales outlet

Code	Label	Note
JAM	Jamera	Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. Deprecated
KRJ	Kirja.fi	Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
LEX	Lexplore	Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
SPL	Suomalainen Plus	Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. Deprecated
SUP	Supla+	Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later. Deprecated

List 143 – US CPSIA or other international hazard warning type

Code	Label	Note
00	No known hazards or warnings	Product assessed but no known hazards or warnings applicable. May be applied to both digital and physical products. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later

List 150 – Product form

Code	Label	Note
AA	Audio	Audio recording – detail unspecified. Use only when the form is unknown and no further detail can be provided. Prefer AZ plus <ProductFormDescription> if detail is available but no other A* code applies

Similar changes have been made to other *A codes, to improve poorly-worded updates made in Issue 63.

List 158 – Resource content type

Code	Label	Note
51	Cover flap	2D front or back flap image

Note that provision of the cover text *as text* in <TextContent> is usually more useful.

List 171 – Tax type

Code	Label	Note
01	VAT (Value-added tax)	TVA, IVA, MwSt, GST etc, levied incrementally at all parts of the supply chain
02	GST (Sales tax)	General sales tax, levied on retail sales

Clarified in part because of confusion in Canada – Canadian Goods and Services Tax (GST) is in fact a form of value-added tax.

List 175 – Product form detail

Code	Label	Note
B141	B4-Henkei	Japanese format, approximately 364 x 257 mm
B522	Mineral paper	Pages composed of ‘mineral paper’ comprised of HDPE plastic and ground calcium carbonate, eg Stonepaper
V210	Closed captions	Or subtitles
V211	Open captions	‘Burnt in’ or hard captions or subtitles

The notes for some other common Japanese sizes have also be regularised to eliminate apparent duplication of codes (eg B119 and B120). The Japanese term ‘henkei’ is understood to indicate ‘approximate’, whereas other Japanese sizes are exact.

List 196 – E-publication Accessibility details

Code	Label	Note
00	Accessibility summary	<ProductFormFeatureDescription> contains a short explanatory summary of the accessibility of the product, or the URL of a web page comprising such a summary , consistent with the more specific conformance, feature and certification details provided. The summary should note both the accessibility features provided and any potential deficiencies. The summary does not remove the requirement for full structured accessibility data, but should be considered a fall-back option if more structured detail cannot be provided or used. Further detailed information may be provided in an external file using codes 94–96. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
51	All non-decorative content supports reading via pre-recorded audio	All contents of the digital publication necessary to use and understanding, including any text, images (via alternative descriptions), video (via audio description) is fully accessible via suitable audio reproduction. The entire publication can be navigated and ‘read’ using only pre-recorded sound, and does not require visual or tactile perception. NB this implies that all <ProductContent> types listed can be accessed without sight. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
52	All non-decorative content supports reading without sight	Sometimes termed ‘screen reader-friendly’, and fully supports multiple forms of non-visual reading . All contents of the digital publication necessary to use and understanding, including text, images (via their alternative descriptions), audio and video material (via their transcripts, descriptions, captions or subtitles) , are fully accessible via suitable reading devices, for example text-to-speech screen readers or tactile reading devices (‘Braille displays’), and nothing in the digital publication prevents or blocks the use of alternative reading modes. The entire publication can be navigated and ‘read’ using only text rendered via sound or touch, and does not require visual perception. NB this implies that all <ProductContent> types listed can be accessed without sight. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
91	Latest accessibility assessment date	<ProductFormFeatureDescription> contains a date in the YYYYMMDD format of the latest assessment or re-assessment of the accessibility of the product. (Note that changes to or re-confirmation of <i>individual</i> accessibility features, standards conformance or certification may be highlighted with a timestamp attribute on the relevant repeat of <ProductFormFeature>). Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later

92	Accessibility addendum	<ProductFormFeatureDescription> contains a short addendum to the accessibility detail of the product, or the URL of a web page comprising such an addendum, providing additional details of the specific conformance and features provided by the product. The addendum should be considered supplementary to the structured data. A complete Accessibility summary (including information that is duplicated in the structured data) should be provided using code 00. Further detailed information may be provided in an external file using codes 94–96. Only for use in ONIX 3.0 or later
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Note that codes 51, 52 represent the same concepts as schema.org's `accessModeSufficient = 'auditory'` and `accessModeSufficient = 'textual'`.

In addition to the above, proposals for additions to List 219 – Rights type – remain under discussion with rights specialists.

Changes in structure for the codelist data files

The full set of ONIX codelists are available in a number of machine-readable data files – in comma- and tab-separated format, as XML and as JSON files, for importing into an application. These files list the codes, labels and notes as listed above, together with issue numbers for first introduction and most recent modification of the text associated with each code. From issue 64, these data files include an extra column or data element listing the issue in which a code was deprecated. Note that an XML schema is available for the XML codelist files, and the updated schema ¹ is backwards compatible with earlier issues of the codelists.

The codelists are also available as a human-readable HTML file ², which has also been updated with the extra 'issue of deprecation' column.

The codelists are also available as XSD, RNG and DTD includes for use with the ONIX schema files for XML validation purposes. These files do not contain the first introduction, latest modification or deprecated data, and no changes have been made to the format of these files.

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¹ https://www.editeur.org/files/ONIX%20for%20books%20-%20code%20lists/ONIX_BookProduct_Codelist_Structure.xsd

² https://www.editeur.org/files/ONIX%20for%20books%20-%20code%20lists/ONIX_BookProduct_Codelists_Issue_64.html