

Doc. D4. Use of “xlc” in field 042

The current language in the CEG regarding use of code “xlc” is:

x ... Codes that begin with the letter "x" are used only by centers of responsibility to indicate that the agency did not consider the publication a serial at the time the publication was evaluated for authentication. Once an "x" code is in a record, no other code may be added, except by ISSN centers (see 4. below.)

LC adds code "xlc" to an OCLC serial record when a serial cataloger determines that the title is a monograph, according to the definition of a serial and LCRI 12.0A. To help make this determination, LC considers all information in the online database and other sources. Code "xlc" is not added to records for series. If subsequent developments or information warrant it, the title may be recataloged as a serial and the record authenticated.

One center of responsibility may consider the item to be a serial, while another may not. Consequently, a mix of authentication/rejection codes can be recorded. When this is the case, the "x?" code should be the last code.

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Question: Given LCRI 12.0A and the policy for conference publications,

- C Should “xlc” mean LC has not treated this as a serial and should we allow others to authenticate?
- C Should this be the case only for conference publications?