

Report of ISIL Registration Authority to ISO TC46/SC4 May 2012

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Danish Agency for Culture (before 1.1.2012: Danish Agency for Libraries and Media) is Registration Authority for ISO 15511 Information and documentation -International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations (ISIL).

The ISIL/RA maintains the list of agencies and advice possible future agencies. The purpose of ISIL is to define and promote the use of a set of standard identifiers for the unique identification of libraries and related organizations with a minimum impact on already existing systems. A national or institutional agency assigns the specific identifier for a library or an organization. Libraries have to contact an agency to get an ISIL standard identifier.

An ISIL identifies an organization, i.e., a library or a related organization, or one of its subordinate units, which is responsible for an action or service in a bibliographic environment (e.g. creation of machine-readable information). It can be used to identify the originator or holder of a resource (e.g. library material). The ISIL is intended for use by libraries, archives, museums, and agencies doing business with these, such as suppliers and publishers. An ISIL identifies at a global level an organization, or one of its subordinate units, throughout its life. The first part of an ISIL is the two letter country code or a non-country code (one, three, or four characters in length).

April 2012 25 countries have assigned national ISIL agencies:

- AR Argentine Republic: Argentine Standardization and Certification Institute (IRAM)
- AT Austria: Die Österreichische Bibliothekenverbund und Service GmbH
- AU Australia: National Library of Australia
- BE Belgium: Royal Library of Belgium
- BY Belarus: National Library of Belarus
- CA Canada: Library and Archives Canada
- CH Switzerland: Swiss National Library
- CY Cyprus: Cyprus University of Technology - Library
- DE Germany: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin
- DK Denmark: Danish Agency for Libraries and Media
- EG Egypt: Egyptian National Scientific and Technical Information Network
- FI Finland: The National Library of Finland
- FR France: Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur
- GB United Kingdom: British Library
- GL Greenland: Central and Public Library of Greenland
- IL Israel: National Library of Israel
- IR Islamic Republic of Iran: National Library of Iran

IT Italy: Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico delle biblioteche italiane e per le informazioni bibliografiche
JP Japan: National Diet Library *)
KR Republic of Korea: The National Library of Korea
NL The Netherlands: Koninklijke Bibliotheek
NO Norway: National Library of Norway
NZ New Zealand: National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mataranga
RU Russian Federation Russian: National Public Library for Science and Technology *)
SI The Republic of Slovenia: National and University Library

And two non-national ISIL agencies:

OCLC WorldCat Symbol: OCLC (with O as code for technical encoding in e.g. RFID tags)
ZDB Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin: Zeitschriftendatenbank Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

Two agencies are added since last years report – marked with *).

Assignments of ISIL Agencies are in preparation with Library of Congress for US national agency and M for non-national ISIL Agency for libraries outside US.

Based on comments received as part of the FDIS ballot resulting in ISO 15511:2009 the Registration Authority proposed some clarifications. This result in an FDIS ballot summer 2011 and a new version ISO 15511:201 published 22 August 2011.

Some of the comments have been used for a revision of the guidance at the web site about structure of the standard.

ISIL/RA has added a "News" section on the front page of the web site.

Danish Agency for Libraries and Media was January 1, 2012 merged with The Danish Arts Agency and the Heritage Agency of Denmark to The Danish Agency for Culture, which is an agency under the aegis of the Danish Ministry of Culture. The Danish Agency for Culture continues to manage ISIL Registration Authority.

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