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Note: text in blue indicates an existing code, eg where the status or description has been changed.

New codes for lists used in ONIX 2.1

This document lists changes that have been requested by national groups and others that relate to code lists used in ONIX 2.1. Some new values in these lists may in practice be required only in ONIX 3.0. Code lists used only in ONIX 3.0 are not included.

List 7 (Product form)

A revised approach to the encoding of "record books" was requested by Finland, in order to enable such products to be specified as "hardback" or "paperback/softback". There was a difference of opinion over possible ways of doing this. The consensus of those national groups who have commented in detail is that we should keep the existing coding of "book-shaped" stationery products in List 7, and add provision to encode binding types for such items in Product Form Detail. The deciding arguments were that (a) the ONIX format is fundamentally about books, not stationery, and this distinction should not be blurred at the top level; (b) stationery items are strictly ineligible for ISBNs; and (c) in some countries stationery and books are treated differently for tax purposes.

This approach permits any "book-shaped" stationery item to be qualified as hardback, softback, etc, if so required, while retaining its top-level coding as a stationery item, and avoiding any possibility of confusion with books as such. It is admittedly an inversion of the handling of hardback and softback elsewhere, and in that sense inconsistent; but from a pragmatic viewpoint it is considered to be the best way of dealing with what is in ONIX terms a somewhat peripheral product type.

This leads to the following changes: revised notes on existing codes PB, PF, PL, PR and PS, shown in the table below; and new code values P201 to P204 in List 78.

In addition, BISAC requested clarification of the description of code BK; and a new code BP was requested by BIC.

BK	Novelty book	A book whose novelty consists wholly or partly in a format which cannot be described by any other available code – a 'conventional' format code is always to be preferred. One or more product form detail codes from List 78 / 175, eg from the *B2nn* group, should be used whenever possible to provide additional description. *(Revised description of existing code)*
BP	Foam book	A children's book whose cover and pages are made of foam
PB	Address book	May use product form detail codes P201 to P204 to specify binding
PF	Diary	May use product form detail codes P201 to P204 to specify binding
PL	Record book	For example, 'birthday book', 'baby book': may use product form detail codes P201 to P204 to specify binding
PR	Notebook / blank book	A book with all pages blank for the buyer's own use: may use product form detail codes P201 to P204 to specify binding
PS	Organizer	May use product form detail codes P201 to P204 to specify binding

List 9 (Product classification type code)

New code value 07 added to meet a user request.

07	Sender's product category	A product category (***not*** a subject classification) assigned by the sender

List 24 (Extent unit code)

New code value 03 (already used in *ONIX for Serials*) is needed in ONIX 3.0 since page extents are now sent in the <Extent> composite.

03	Pages	

List 44 (Name code type)

For historical reasons, List 44 is the only identifier type code where the value 01 is not used to mean "proprietary", and therefore to determine whether an IDTypeName element is valid. For consistency, and to support enhanced validation in an extended version of the schema which is under development, it is proposed that code 02 be deprecated in ONIX 3.0 and replaced by 01. The German ONIX group has pointed out that in ONIX 3.0 List 44 will be used for person name codes as well as organization name codes, so that a value is needed for the DNB Personennamendatei; and the opportunity has been taken to add values for two other schemes for which codes had been assigned elsewhere, but not in List 44, and both of which can apply to persons or corporate bodies.

01	Proprietary	
02	Proprietary	**DEPRECATED in ONIX 3.0** – use 01
16	ISNI	International Standard Name Identifier
17	DNB-PND	Deutsche Nationalbibliothek Personennamendatei - person name code of the German national library
18	LCCN	A control number assigned to a Library of Congress Name Authority record

List 57 (Unpriced item type code)

New code value 05 is required in certain circumstances (notably in Spanish-language markets) when a collection which is not sold as a set is nevertheless assigned an ISBN and has its own ONIX record. This was referred to in the ONIX 3.0 supporting paper *How to describe sets, series and multiple-item products*, but was inadvertently overlooked in Issue 9.

05	Not sold as set	When a collection that is not sold as a set nevertheless has its own ONIX record

List 65 (Product availability)

New code 50 required for the reasons noted under List 57 above. As part of the input to Issue 10, national groups were asked to comment on the appropriateness of the existing codes (12, 23 and 48) for POD products. Although there was some willingness to dispense with codes 12 and 48, and treat POD items on the same basis as stock items, there was sufficient support for all the existing codes to justify their retention. It was also suggested that we should rename code 23 as "POD".

23	POD	Available from us by print-on-demand *(Revised description of existing code)*
50	Not sold as set	When a collection that is not sold as a set nevertheless has its own ONIX record

List 73 (Website role)

A user request on the listserv (Chris Harris, 12 June 2009) raised the need for additional coding to cover a supplier's B2B (and, by logical extension, B2C) website. The following new values have been added.

33	Supplier's corporate website	A corporate website operated by a distributor or other supplier (not the publisher)
34	Supplier's B2B website	A website operated by a distributor or other supplier (not the publisher) and aimed at trade customers
35	Supplier's B2C website	A website operated by a distributor or other supplier (not the publisher) and aimed at consumers
36	Supplier's website for a specified work	A distributor or supplier's webpage describing a specified work
37	Supplier's B2B website for a specified work	A distributor or supplier's webpage describing a specified work, and aimed at trade customers
38	Supplier's B2C website for a specified work	A distributor or supplier's webpage describing a specified work, and aimed at consumers
39	Supplier's website for a group or series of works	A distributor or supplier's webpage describing a group or series of works

List 74 (Language code - ISO 639-2/B)

Recent changes in ISO 639-2/B have been incorporated into ONIX code lists. Apart from minor name changes that do not affect the use of the codes, they are as follows:

hrv	Croatian	
mol	Moldavian; Moldovan	DEPRECATED - use rum (existing code)
scc	Serbian	DEPRECATED - use srp (new code)
scr	Croatian	DEPRECATED - use hrv (new code)
srp	Serbian	

List 78 (Product form detail)

Discussions with BIC and BISAC on some existing categories of books for very young children led to changes shown in the entries for B203 and B210 to B215 below.

BIC requested the inclusion of P203 and P204 as well as the distinction between hardback and paperback for "book-shaped" stationery items, which was originally requested by Finland.

B203	Fuzzy book	**DEPRECATED** because of ambiguity - use B210, B214 or B215 as appropriate
B210	Touch-and-feel book	A book whose pages have a variety of textured inserts designed to stimulate tactile exploration: see also B214 and B215 *(revised definition of existing value)*
B211	Toy / die-cut book	**DEPRECATED** - use B212 or B213 as appropriate
B212	Die-cut book	A book which is cut into a distinctive non-rectilinear shape and/or in which holes or shapes have been cut internally. ('Die-cut' is used here as a convenient shorthand, and does not imply strict limitation to a particular production process.)
B213	Book-as-toy	A book which is also a toy, or which incorporates a toy as an integral part. (Do not, however, use B213 for a multiple-item product which includes a book and a toy as separate items.)
B214	Soft-to-touch book	A book whose cover has a soft textured finish, typically over board
B215	Fuzzy-felt book	A book with detachable felt pieces and textured pages on which they can be arranged
P201	Hardback (stationery)	Stationery item in hardback book format
P202	Paperback / softback (stationery)	Stationery item in paperback/softback book format
P203	Spiral bound (stationery)	Stationery item in spiral-bound book format
P204	Leather / fine binding (stationery)	Stationery item in leather-bound book format, or other fine binding

List 79 (Product form feature type)

New codes 06 and 07 arise from recent user requests. New codes 30 to 37 were requested by Canada for communicating details of Certified and Recycled paper content in printed books. This is becoming mandatory in the Canadian retail supply chain, and may be required in the US and elsewhere. It is recognised that for some ISBNs where there are multiple printings by different printers, there would be different certifications for different "lots". In these circumstances, it is expected that the ONIX record would carry the latest certification; or, for simultaneous parallel print runs, the lowest certification.

06	Operating system	A computer or handheld device operating system required to use a digital product, with version detail if applicable. The accompanying Product Form Feature Value is a code from List 176. Version detail, when applicable, is carried in Product Form Feature Description.
07	Other system requirements	Other system requirements for a digital product, described by free text in Product Form Feature Detail.
30	Not FSC or PEFC certified	Product does not carry FSC or PEFC logo. The product may, however, have a claimed Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW) content (type code 37).
31	FSC certified – pure	Product carries FSC logo (pure). <ProductFormFeatureValue> is the Chain Of Custody (COC) number printed on the book. Format: two to five letters-COC-six numerals, eg AB-COC-123456 or ABCDE-COC-123456. By definition, a product certified pure does not contain Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW), so type code 31 can only occur on its own.
32	FSC certified – mixed sources	Product carries FSC logo (mixed sources). <ProductFormFeatureValue> is the Chain Of Custody (COC) number printed on the book. Format: two to five letters-COC-six numerals, eg AB-COC-123456 or ABCDE-COC-123456. May be accompanied by a Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW) percentage value, to be reported in another instance of <ProductForm Feature> with type code 36.
33	FSC certified – recycled	Product carries FSC logo (recycled). <ProductFormFeatureValue> is the Chain Of Custody (COC) number printed on the book. Format: two to five letters-COC-six numerals, eg AB-COC-123456 or ABCDE-COC-123456. Should be accompanied by a Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW) percentage value, to be reported in another instance of <ProductFormFeature> with type code 36.
34	PEFC certified	Product carries PEFC logo (certified). <ProductFormFeatureValue> is the Chain Of Custody (COC) number printed on the book. May be accompanied by a Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW) percentage value, to be reported in another instance of <ProductFormFeature> with type code 36.
35	PEFC recycled	Product carries PEFC logo (recycled). <ProductFormFeatureValue> is the Chain Of Custody (COC) number printed on the book. Should be accompanied by a Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW) percentage value, to be reported in another instance of <ProductFormFeature> with type code 36.
36	FSC or PEFC certified Post Consumer Waste (PCW) percentage	The percentage of Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW) used in a product where the composition is certified by FSC or PEFC. <ProductForm FeatureValue> is an integer. May occur together with type code 32, 33, 34 or 35.
37	Claimed Post Consumer Waste (PCW) percentage	The percentage of Post-Consumer-Waste (PCW) claimed to be used in a product where the composition is not certified by FSC or PEFC. <Product FormFeatureValue> is an integer. <ProductFormFeatureDescription> may carry free text supporting the claim. Must be accompanied by type code 30.

List 83 (Bible version)

BISAC have requested codes for two new Spanish-language Bible translations.

NTV	Nueva Traduccion Vivienta	A Spanish translation from the original Greek and Hebrew, sponsored by Tyndale House.
NVD	Nueva Biblia al Dia	A Spanish translation from the original Greek and Hebrew, sponsored by the International Bible Society/Sociedad Bíblica Internacional.

New List 176 (Operating system)

Arising from an urgent user request: for use in the <ProductFormFeatureValue> element when the <ProductFormFeatureType> is coded 06 (Operating system) (see List 79).

01	Android	An Open Source mobile device operating system originally developed by Google and supported by the Open Handset Alliance
02	BlackBerry OS	A proprietary operating system supplied by Research In Motion for its BlackBerry handheld devices
03	iPhone OS	A proprietary operating system based on Mac OS X supplied by Apple for its iPhone and iPod Touch handheld devices
04	Linux	An operating system based on the Linux kernel
05	Mac OS	A proprietary operating system supplied by Apple on Macintosh computers up to 2002
06	Mac OS X	A proprietary operating system supplied by Apple on Macintosh computers up to 2002
07	Palm OS	A proprietary operating system (aka Garnet OS) originally developed for handheld devices
08	Palm webOS	A Linux-based operating system for handheld devices
09	Symbian	An operating system for hand-held devices, originally developed as a proprietary system, but planned to become wholly Open Source by 2010
10	Windows	A proprietary operating system supplied by Microsoft
11	Windows CE	A proprietary operating system (aka Windows Embedded Compact, WinCE) supplied by Microsoft for small-scale devices
12	Windows Mobile	A proprietary operating system supplied by Microsoft for mobile devices