



ONIX for Books: Code Lists Issue 9: changes for Release 2.1

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Note: [text in blue](#) indicates a change in the description of an existing code.

This document lists changes that have been requested by national groups and others that relate to existing ONIX Books code lists, and are therefore applicable in both ONIX 2.1 and ONIX 3.0. Issue 9 of the code lists includes new lists and additional values that are for use only in ONIX 3.0, but to avoid confusion these are not listed here except in a very few cases, shaded pale blue, where new values are visible in ONIX 2.1.

List 5 (Product identifier type code)

New code 23 requested by OCLC. "EAN" replaced by "GTIN" here and in other lists, as suggested by Norway. New code 24 requested by Norway to deal with co-published titles.

03	GTIN-13	GS1 Global Trade Item Number, formerly known as EAN article number (13 digits)
14	GTIN-14	GS1 Global Trade Item Number (14 digits)
22	URN	Uniform Resource Name: note that in trade applications an ISBN must be sent as a GTIN-13 and, where required, as an ISBN-13 - it should not be sent as a URN
23	OCLC number	A unique number assigned to a bibliographic item by OCLC
24	Co-publisher's ISBN-13	An ISBN-13 assigned by a co-publisher. The 'main' ISBN sent with ID type code 03 and/or 15 should always be the ISBN that is used for ordering from the supplier identified in Supply Detail. However, ISBN rules allow a co-published title to carry more than one ISBN. The co-publisher should be identified in an instance of the <Publisher> composite, with the applicable <PublishingRole> code.

List 6 (Barcode indicator)

New codes requested by BISAC. Note that this list is for use in ONIX 2.1 only: for ONIX 3.0, see new Lists 141 and 142.

67	EAN13+5 (CAN dollar price encoded)	Position unspecified
68	EAN13+5 on cover 4 (CAN dollar price encoded)	'Cover 4' is defined as the back cover of a book
69	EAN13+5 on cover 3 (CAN dollar price encoded)	'Cover 3' is defined as the inside back cover of a book
70	EAN13+5 on cover 2 (CAN dollar price encoded)	'Cover 2' is defined as the inside front cover of a book
71	EAN13+5 on box (CAN dollar price encoded)	To be used only on boxed products
72	EAN13+5 on tag (CAN dollar price encoded)	To be used only on products fitted with hanging tags
73	EAN13+5 on bottom (CAN dollar price encoded)	Not be used on books unless they are contained within outer packaging
74	EAN13+5 on back (CAN dollar price encoded)	Not be used on books unless they are contained within outer packaging
75	EAN13 on outer sleeve/back (CAN dollar price encoded)	To be used only on products packaged in outer sleeves

List 21 (Edition type)

New code values requested by Finland. "Combined edition" was also requested by Germany. "Prebound edition" was requested by BISAC.

CMB	Combined volume	An edition in which two or more works also published separately are combined in a single volume; aka 'omnibus' edition
FST	Festschrift	A collection of writings published in honor of a person, an institution or a society.
NUM	Edition with numbered copies	A limited edition in which each copy is individually numbered
PRB	Prebound edition	A book that was previously bound, normally as a paperback, and has been rebound with a library-quality hardcover binding by a supplier other than the original publisher. See also the <Publisher> and <RelatedProduct> composites for other aspects of the treatment of prebound editions in ONIX.

List 23 (Extent type)

New code values for use in ONIX 3.0.

00	Main content page count	The highest-numbered page in a single numbered sequence of main content, usually the highest Arabic-numbered page in a book; or, for books without page numbers or (rarely) with multiple numbered sequences of main content, the total number of pages that carry the main content of the book. This is the preferred page count for most books for the general reader. For books with substantial front and/or back matter, include also <i>Front matter</i> and <i>Back matter</i> page counts, or <i>Total numbered pages</i> .
03	Front matter page count	The total number of <i>numbered</i> (usually Roman-numbered) pages that precede the main content of a book. This usually consists of an introduction, preface, foreword, etc.
04	Back matter page count	The total number of <i>numbered</i> (usually Roman-numbered) pages that follow the main content of a book. This usually consists of an afterword, appendices, endnotes, index, etc.
05	Total numbered pages	The sum of all Roman- and Arabic-numbered pages.
06	Production page count	The total number of pages in a book, including unnumbered pages, front matter, back matter, etc.
07	Absolute page count	The total number of pages of the book counting the cover as page 1. This page count type should be used only for digital publications.

List 26 (Main subject scheme identifier code)

In Issue 9, all values in List 27 are duplicated in List 26, so that any subject scheme can be used for a "main subject". In ONIX 3.0, List 26 will be deleted.

List 27 (Subject scheme identifier code)

New code values 05 to 07, 62, 63 and 74 requested by OCLC. Redefinition of codes 18, 27, 30 and 36 requested by Germany. New code 75 requested by BIC. Revised text for codes 10 and 22 requested by BISAC.

05	NLM classification	US National Library of Medicine medical classification
06	MeSH heading	US National Library of Medicine Medical subject heading
07	NAL subject heading	US National Agricultural Library subject heading
10	BISAC Subject Heading	BISAC Subject Headings are used in the North American market to categorize books based on topical content. They serve as a guideline for shelving books in physical stores and browsing books in online stores.
18	DDC-Sachgruppen der Deutschen Nationalbibliografie	Used for German National Bibliography since 2004 (100 subjects). Is different from value 30.
22	BISAC Merchandising Theme	BISAC Merchandising Themes are used in addition to BISAC Subject Headings to denote an audience to which a work may be of particular appeal, a time of year or event for which a work may be especially appropriate, or to further describe fictional works that have been subject-coded by genre
27	Schlagwort-Normdatei (SWD)	Subject heading text

List 27 (continued)

30	DNB-Sachgruppen	Deutsche Bibliothek subject groups. Code. Used for German National Bibliography until 2003 (65 subjects). Is different from value 18.
36	DDC 22 ger	Code. German Translation of DDC 22. Also known as DDC Deutsch 22
62	CSH	National Library of Canada subject heading (English)
63	RVM	Répertoire de vedettes-matière (Bibliothèque et Archives Canada et Bibliothèque de l'Université Laval) (French)
74	Sears	Sears List of Subject Headings
75	BIC E4L	BIC E4Libraries Category Headings

List 38 (Image/audio/video file type code)

Clarification or new code value requested by Spain. It is felt that the existing code can be used, with added description, in Release 2.1.

51	Application: sample content	Use for 'look inside' facility or 'widget'
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List 39 (Image/audio/video file format code)

New code requested from the Netherlands.

09	PNG	Portable Network Graphics bitmapped image format (.png)
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List 44 (Name code type)

Reference to "EAN" changed.

06	GLN	EAN-UCC global location number (formerly EAN location number)
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List 45 (Publishing role code)

New code values requested by BISAC.

11	Publisher of facsimile original	The publisher of the edition of which a product is a facsimile
12	Repackager of prebound edition	The repackager of a prebound edition that has been assigned its own identifier. (In the US, a 'prebound edition' is a book that was previously bound, normally as a paperback, and has been rebound with a library-quality hardcover binding by a supplier other than the original publisher.) Required when the <EditionType> is coded PRB. The original publisher should be named as the 'publisher'.

List 50 (Measure unit code)

New code values requested by BISAC.

kg	Kilograms	
px	Pixels	

List 51 (Product relation code)

New code values 22 and 23 requested by the Netherlands. New code 27 requested by Spain. Codes 20 to 25 were proposed by BISAC. New codes 24 and 25 are primarily intended for contemporary limited editions that have simultaneously-published inexpensive facsimiles.

03	Replaces	X replaces, or is new edition of, Y
05	Is replaced by	X is replaced by, or has new edition, Y
20	Is prebound edition of	X is a prebound edition of Y. In the US, a prebound edition is 'a book that was previously bound and has been rebound with a library quality hardcover binding. In almost all commercial cases, the book in question began as a paperback.'

List 51 (continued)

21	Is original of prebound edition	X is the regular edition of which Y is a prebound edition
22	Product by same author	X and Y have a common author
23	Similar product	Y is another product that is suggested as similar to X ('if you liked X, you may also like Y')
24	Is facsimile of	X is a facsimile edition of Y
25	Is original of facsimile	X is the original edition from which a facsimile edition Y is taken
26	Is license for	X is a license for digital product Y, traded or supplied separately
27	Electronic version available as	Y is an electronic version of print product X (reciprocal of code 13)

List 64 (Publishing status)

Because of user queries about how to encode the publishing status “reprint under consideration”, the notes on code 06 Have been revised so that they do not rule out a publisher’s readiness to accept orders, and to indicate that this value should be used for “reprint under consideration”. New codes 11 and 12 requested by BISAC, partly in the light of recent US consumer protection issues.

06	Out of stock indefinitely	The product was active, but is now inactive in the sense that (a) the publisher cannot fulfil orders for it, though stock may still be available elsewhere in the supply chain, and (b) there are no current plans to bring it back into stock. Use this code for 'reprint under consideration' . Code 06 does not specifically imply that returns are or are not still accepted.
11	Withdrawn from sale	Withdrawn, typically for legal reasons or to avoid giving offence
12	Recalled	Recalled for reasons of consumer safety

List 65 (Product availability)

New code value 98 requested by Norway. Existing code value 99 reworded to make it suitable for use with a digital product whose current availability is controlled by an intermediary supplier. New code 49 requested by BISAC.

49	Recalled	Recalled for reasons of consumer safety
98	No longer receiving updates	Publisher/supplier is no longer providing updates to sender
99	Contact supplier	Availability not known to sender

List 72 (Thesis type code)

New code values requested by Germany.

04	Magisterarbeit	Magisters degree thesis
05	Diplomarbeit	Diploma degree thesis
06	Bachelorarbeit	Bachelors degree thesis
07	Masterarbeit	Masters degree thesis

List 73 (Website role)

New code values requested by Germany.

31	Transfer-URL	URL needed by the German National Library for direct access, harvesting and storage of an electronic resource.
32	DOI Website Link	Link needed by German Books in Print (VLB) for DOI registration and ONIX DOI conversion.

List 78 (Product form detail)

New code values A106 to A110 were previously circulated for review. A111 and A112, and clarification of A106 and existing code D104, were suggested by Germany. New code B222 was requested by Norway (see also List 7). See page 8 for additional changes for ONIX 3.0 only.

A106	WMA	Windows Media Audio format
A107	AAC	Advanced Audio Coding format
A108	Ogg/Vorbis	Vorbis audio format in the Ogg container
A109	Audible	Audio format proprietary to Audible.com
A110	FLAC	Free lossless audio codec
A111	AIFF	Audio Interchangeable File Format
A112	ALAC	Apple Lossless Audio Codec
D104	WMV	Windows Media Video format

List 79 (Product form feature type)

New code values 11 and 12 requested by BISAC, and implemented as a supplement to Issue 8.

11	CPSIA choking hazard warning	Withdrawn
12	CPSIA choking hazard warning	Choking hazard warning required by US Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008. Required, when applicable, for products sold in the US. The Product Form Feature Value is a code from List 143. Explanation may be given in Product Form Feature Description.

List 81 (Product content type)

New code 10 required for ONIX 3.0. New code 11 requested by Germany.

10	Text (eye-readable)	Readable text: in ONIX 3.0, this value is required, together with applicable <ProductForm> and <ProductFormDetail> values, to designate an e-book or other digital product whose primary content is eye-readable text
11	Musical notation	

List 83 (Bible version)

Changes requested by Italy.

CEI	C.E.I. - Conferenza Episcopale Italiana	(Revised description of existing code)
CEN	C.E.I. - Conferenza Episcopale Italiana 2008	Nuova traduzione C.E.I. 2008

List 92 (Supplier identifier type)

Reference to "EAN" changed.

06	GLN	GS1 global location number (formerly EAN location number)
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List 93 (Supplier role)

The descriptions of existing codes 01 to 04 and 06 are amended for clarification. New codes 09 to 12 are added, particularly with reference to digital products.

01	Publisher to retailers	Publisher as supplier to retail trade outlets
02	Publisher's exclusive distributor to retailers	
03	Publisher's non-exclusive distributor to retailers	
04	Wholesaler	Wholesaler supplying retail trade outlets
06	Publisher's distributor to retailers	Use only where exclusive/non-exclusive status is not known. Prefer 02 or 03 as appropriate, where possible.
09	Publisher to end-customers	Publisher as supplier direct to consumers and/or institutional customers
10	Exclusive distributor to end-customers	Intermediary as exclusive distributor direct to consumers and/or institutional customers
11	Non-exclusive distributor to end-customers	Intermediary as non-exclusive distributor direct to consumers and/or institutional customers
12	Distributor to end-customers	Use only where exclusive/non-exclusive status is not known. Prefer 10 or 11 as appropriate, where possible.

New list 140 (US CPSIA choking hazard warning code)

List withdrawn. List 140 was issued in December 2008 to meet an urgent need arising from US legislation. It was replaced by List 143 when it was realised that some values were incorrect.

New list 143 (US CPSIA choking hazard warning code)

Used in ProductFormFeatureValue when ProductFormFeatureType = 12. Requested by BISAC. Required when applicable, under the US Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

01	WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- Small parts Not for children under 3 yrs.	Required on applicable products sold in the US
02	WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- Children under 8 yrs. can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Adult supervision required Keep uninflated balloons from children. Discard broken balloons at once.	Required on applicable products sold in the US
03	WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- This toy is a small ball Not for children under 3 yrs.	Required on applicable products sold in the US
04	WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- Toy contains a small ball Not for children under 3 yrs.	Required on applicable products sold in the US
05	WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- This toy is a marble Not for children under 3 yrs.	Required on applicable products sold in the US
06	WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- Toy contains a marble Not for children under 3 yrs.	Required on applicable products sold in the US
07	No choking hazard warning necessary	When a supplier wishes to make it clear that no such warning is applicable to a product.