

ONIX for Books codelists Issue 41

This is the consolidated list of agreed additions and updates for Issue 41 of the ONIX for Books codelists, as circulated to the ONIX National Groups, as circulated to the ONIX national groups and ratified by the ONIX International Steering Committee.

As with all issues since issue 36, issue 41 contains only those lists required for ONIX 3.0. Of course, ONIX 2.1 remains fully usable – using Issue 36 of the codelists or earlier – but it is not intended to be usable with later codelist issues.¹

The ONIX codes are also available via a multilingual interactive browser at <https://ns.editeur.org/onix>

Codelists Issue 41 Proposed additions and changes

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

List 150 – Product form code

Code	Label	Note
SA	Multiple-component retail product	Presentation unspecified: format of product components must be given in <ProductPart>
SB	Multiple-component retail product, boxed	Format of product components must be given in <ProductPart>. Use code XM for a boxed pack for trade supply, where the retail items it contains are intended for sale individually

Similar changes are made to <ProductForm> codes SC to SF. These are merely a clarification of terminology that was begun with changes to <ProductComposition> (codelist 2) in issue 39. Across the various ONIX 3.0 specifications, codelists and other documentation, a clearer distinction is being made between multi-*item* products and multi-*component* products. The former are those products which can or must be broken down and sold as individual products – a box of ten copies of a book, or a filled dumpbin for example. The latter are products which themselves consist of multiple parts – book+toy, a print and e- bundle, and so on – and are not intended to be broken down and sold individually.

In reality, the differentiation is not quite so clear cut – the two components of the book+toy might well also be available separately, a book product and a toy product. But the S* codes are generally individual products that consists of multiple components. In contrast, the X* codes contain multiple copies of a product (or copies of multiple products) that are intended to be sold separately at retail.

¹ For reference, the following lists have been removed from Issue 41:

6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 26, 33, 35–40, 47, 52, 54, 56, 63, 67, 75, 78, 94, 95, 101, 138, 140

A handful of codes in lists 1, 22, 34, 49 and 51 used only with 2.1 have also been removed:

List 1 codes 12, 13, 14; List 22 codes 04, 05; List 34 codes 00, 01, 04, 08–15 ; List 49 code ROW; List 51 codes 14, 15, 36

List 13 – Series identifier type (ONIX 3.0 only)

Code	Label	Note
38	ISSN-L	International Standard Serial Number 'linking ISSN', used when distinct from the serial ISSN. Unhyphenated, 8 digits

List 25 – Illustration and other content type (ancillary content type, ONIX 3.0 only)

Code	Label	Note
30	Table of contents	

List 29 – Audience code type (ONIX 3.0 only)

Code	Label	Note
23	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)	Codes A1 to C2 indicating standardised level of language learning or teaching material, from beginner to advanced, defined by the Council of Europe (see http://www.coe.int/lang-CEFR)

List 55 – Date format (ONIX 3.0 only)

Code	Label	Note
00	YYYYMMDD	Common Era year, month and day (default for most dates)
12	Text string	For complex, approximate or uncertain dates, or dates BCE

List 139 – ONIX retail sales outlet identifier (ONIX 3.0 only)

Code	Label	Note
BLD	Bolinda	https://www.bolinda.com

List 166 – Supply date role

Code	Label	Note
34	Expected warehouse date	The date on which physical stock is expected to be delivered to the supplier from the manufacturer or from a primary distributor. For the distributor or wholesaler (the supplier), this is the 'goods in' date, as contrasted with the Expected availability date, code 08, which is the 'goods out' date

This is the 'goods in' date for physical stock to a supplier, as contrasted with the 'goods out date' (expected ship date) from a supplier. It has no digital counterpart.

List 175 – Product form detail

Code	Label	Note
E147	Erudit	Proprietary XML format for articles, see for example https://www.cairn.info/services-aux-editeurs.php

List 197 – Collection sequence type

Code	Label	Note
07	Suggested display order	Where it is different from the title order, publication order, narrative order, reading order etc

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