

Summary of Major Changes to the *Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States with Explanatory Text*

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The separate *Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States* and its accompanying *Explanatory Supplement* have been merged into one document called the *Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States with Explanatory Text*. Other major changes to the document based on Fall 2021, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023 public feedback are highlighted below. The *Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States with Explanatory Text* sets expectation standards and reflects the shared values of our resource sharing community.

Definitions

- Section 1.2:* 'eBooks' has been added to the list of non-returnable materials.
- Section 1.3:* New section to define 'Accessible' as an alternative format for persons with disabilities.
- Explanatory Text 1.3:* New section to describe Section 121 of Copyright Law (Chafee Amendment).

Scope

- Section 3.2:* International transactions also governed by copyright law and treaties.
- Explanatory Text 3.2:* Copyright Law Section 121A and Marrakesh Treaty apply to international ILL.

Responsibilities of the Requesting Library

- Explanatory Text 4.4:* Shipment tracking has been added to the examples of special requirements.
- Section 4.5:* New section to communicate requirements for a user's accessibility needs.
- Explanatory Text 4.5:* New section on obtaining accessible formats under section 121 of Copyright Law.
- Explanatory Text 4.9:* Section 121 is law; CONTU alternatives may serve as compliance mechanisms.
- Explanatory Text 4.10:* Requesting library must not clean or repair material without supplier approval.
- Explanatory Text 4.11:* Requesting library must review invoices upon receipt and notify supplying library with errors/questions.
- Explanatory Text 4.13:* Text and rationale for due date definition has been condensed.
- Explanatory Text 4.13:* Requesting library must not give user an initial due date beyond the supplier's due date.
- Section 4.17:* Supplying library may suspend service to requesting library until problem is resolved.

Responsibilities of the Supplying Library

- Explanatory Text 5.1:* Suppliers are encouraged to provide equitable access for all types of libraries.
- Explanatory Text 5.3:* Do not charge renewal fees for materials still on loan to a requesting library.
- Explanatory Text 5.4:* Consult with requesting library before filling from unpublished works found online.
- Section 5.5:* New section on supplying accessible formats for users with disabilities.
- Explanatory Text 5.5:* New section on filling requests to meet an accessibility need.
- Section 5.6:* Requests should be processed accurately.
- Explanatory Text 5.6:* Pay attention to notes in requests.
- Explanatory Text 5.8:* Supplying library should secure agreement for usage/shipping restrictions.
- Explanatory Text 5.9:* Deliver items to location specified by requesting library or consortial service.
- Explanatory Text 5.9:* Specify if tracking is required when returning materials.
- Explanatory Text 5.10:* Renewing an item is preferable to mandating return and requiring a re-request.
- Section 5.12:* Adhere to any accessibility instructions.
- Explanatory Text 5.12:* Pay appropriate attention to providing any supplementary material.
- Explanatory Text 5.12:* Evaluate request conditions and communicate what's possible before canceling.