

Depository Selection Mechanisms: Questions for the Community



As the review of the item number system used by the Federal depository libraries to select publications continues, GPO would like feedback from the depository community on the proposals put forward in the briefing papers. Please assist us by responding to the following questions. In order to accurately gauge the views of all conference participants, please fill-out only one questionnaire. Please return the completed questionnaire to the registration desk.

For more on the proposed new models, see the revised briefing papers in your folders or online at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/selection/index.html

(Optional) Name _____ Library _____

I attended Wednesday’s session on selection mechanisms Yes _____ No _____

General Background

1. Do you agree that the requirements for distribution of tangible publications are different enough from the requirements for online dissemination to merit separate mechanisms for selection and distribution?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you agree that the existing item number system needs to be revised to reflect the increasing number of online publications?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you agree that the system needs to be revised to allow more flexibility for tangible selection?
Yes _____ No _____

Selection of Online Publications

4. What type of collection development tools would assist you the most in selecting online publications? (Circle the appropriate response)
 - a) Bibliographies on specific topics and geographic regions
 - b) New titles lists issued more frequently
 - c) User defined searches that can be saved and run at the user’s desired frequency
5. If the proposed model for selection of online publications is implemented, which option will you consider using to select online publications? (Circle the appropriate response)
 - a) Collection development tools
 - b) Agency-based item numbers
 - c) Combination of both
6. Do you or your users use the “Locate Libraries” feature of the CGP for online publications?
Yes _____ No _____
7. In the current system, GPO uses item numbers to record which online publications a depository library agrees to provide access to, i.e. assist users in locating and using that publication and others on that subject? Do you agree that this function should be maintained in any new model for online selection?
Yes _____ No _____

8. If the proposed model were adopted, how much time would be needed to review the new collection development tools before implementing the proposed changes to item numbers? (Circle the appropriate response)

- a) 30 days
- b) 60 days
- c) 90 days

Selection of Tangible Publications

9. If the proposed model for selection of tangible publications were adopted, depository libraries will have a specified time period to review and select titles with items they have designated as “review.” What is a reasonable time period for review and selection of these items? (Circle the appropriate response)

- a) 2 weeks
- b) 30 days
- c) 45 days
- d) 60 days

10. If your library is not a regional, how would you use the review items? (Circle the appropriate response)

- a) I would only use the selected and non-selected items
- b) I would use the review items primarily for category classes, such as General Publications
- c) I would use the review items heavily to tailor my collection more closely to my users’ needs

11. Would you consider the additional workload of having to review some titles before receipt an acceptable tradeoff to allow more specificity in selection of tangible items and reduce unwanted items held for 5 years?

Yes _____ No _____

12. What is an appropriate claims period for selected items (similar to standing orders)? This period would begin at time of shipment.

- a) 30 days
- b) 45 days
- c) 60 days

13. What is an appropriate claims period for review items (similar to review copies)? This period would begin at time of shipment. (circle the appropriate response)

- a) 30 days
- b) 45 days
- c) 60 days

Comments on Either or Both Proposals (If you have additional comments, please use the comment cards.)
