

050 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD TEXT CODE (ISTC)

Field Definition and Scope

An International Standard Text Code (ISTC) that identifies textual works and not physical products.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
050	INTERNATIONAL STANDARD TEXT CODE (ISTC)	NR	O
a	Number ISTC	NR	MA
z	Erroneous ISTC	R	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

Subfields Description

\$a Number ISTC

A correctly applied ISTC including hyphens. The ISTCs are assigned by registration agencies appointed by the ISTC registration authority. Not repeatable. Mandatory unless \$z is present.

\$z Erroneous ISTC

An ISTC that has been identified as being erroneously applied to a textual work or is otherwise invalid. It may have been allocated to two different textual works and in this instance cancelled, or it may have been incorrectly printed. Repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

ISTC Structure

The ISTC is used to identify a textual work or any derivation of a textual work, according to the provisions of ISO 21047. An ISTC consists of sixteen digits. Whenever it is printed or written, the number is preceded by the letters ISTC. In countries where the Latin alphabet is not used, an abbreviation in the local script may be used in addition to the Latin letters ISTC.

The ISTC is divided into four elements, each of which is separated by a hyphen or a space:

Registration agency: Three hexadecimal digits that designate the registration agency which has given the ISTC. The registration agency element is assigned by the ISTC registration authority.

Year: The four digits of the year in which the ISTC was allocated to the textual work.

(Textual) work: This consists of eight hexadecimal digits, assigned by the registration agency.

Check digit: The fourth element of the ISTC is the check digit. This is calculated using a MOD 16-3 algorithm, according to the standard ISO 7064.

Data Format

The letters ISTC, which are mandatory when the ISTC is written or printed, should not be entered in field 050. Any ISTC which is found to appear printed on an item or elsewhere can be entered in subfield \$z,

Erroneous ISTC, which is provided to give access to records that may have been requested by an erroneous number. Hyphens or blanks are inserted to separate the four parts of the number in the \$a or \$z subfield. No other punctuation is permitted. The purpose of the hyphens or blanks in the ISTC is to separate the distinct parts. When an ISTC is displayed in a catalogue entry the inclusion of the hyphens or blanks is mandatory.

Examples

EX 1
050 ##\$a0A9-2002-12B4A105-7

History

2009	New field.
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