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## **Product Information Message**

## **Product Record Format**

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## 1. Release 2.1 revision 03 notes

### RELEASE 2.1, revision 03 (January 2006)

Revision 03 of Release 2.1 has been issued to allow a small number of extensions to be made, principally to meet needs that have been identified in the Australian and Spanish ONIX implementations. At the same time, the opportunity has been taken to correct a few errors identified in Release 2.1 revision 02.

*In the text of this document, changes since rev.02 that apply only to those who wish to implement Revision 03 are shown in blue.* Changes that are merely clarifications of Release 2.1 revision 02 are shown, like the rest of the text, in black.

New elements have been numbered with suffixes A, B, C etc, so that no existing element numbers have been changed.

#### New elements in revision 03

- Page 155 Added new composite <StockQuantityCoded> to allow stock levels to be communicated without disclosing exact quantities.
- Page 156 Added new composite <OnOrderDetail> to allow details of an expected stock shipment, normally from overseas, to be included.
- Page 175 Added new element PR.26.3A <ReprintDetail> for use in markets where it is customary to use reprint history as part of the promotion of a book.

#### Corrections to the DTD in revision 03

- PR.18 The definitions have been amended so that PR.18.15 <ComponentNumber> can be sent without the requirement that PR.18.14 <ComponentTypeName> must also be present.

#### Changes to the documentation in revision 03

- Page 5 Clarification on use of non-ASCII characters in Sample records.
- Page 24 PR.3.28: clarified wording to better explain the use of this element. Corrected examples to reflect current practise on product identifiers.
- Page 65 PR.10: clarified wording of introductory text to this section.
- Page 80 PR.13.10: clarified misleading example.
- Page 101 PR.18.2 and PR.18.3: corrected errors in examples.
- Page 111 Corrected description of the <Publisher> composite: the <PublishingRole> element is optional (and if it is omitted, the default is 'publisher', code 01 in List 45).
- Page 117 PR.20.5: changed the definition of the <PublicationDate> element from "date of first publication of this product in the market in which it is first released" to "date of first publication of this product in the home market of the publisher named in PR.19".
- Page 126 Corrected a typo in the examples of the use of <SalesRights> and <NotForSale> composites
- Page 147 PR.24.16: corrected example.
- Page 149 PR.24.21 and PR.24.22: changed wording to emphasise that <ProductAvailability> is now the preferred element.
- Page 150 Changed text introducing the <NewSupplier> composite to refer to <ProductAvailability>.

Page 151	Correctly marked <IntermediaryAvailabilityCode> as Deprecated in red, for consistency with other deprecated elements (previous versions of this specification showed it greyed out).
Page 153	Corrected error in the Format for <ExpectedShipDate> in PR.24.34.
Page 156	PR.24.41: amended text describing the <OnHand> element to specify that either the <StockQuantityCoded> composite or the <OnHand> element is mandatory in any instance of the <Stock> composite.
Page 163	PR.24.64: corrected example. PR.24.65: removed unnecessary note about upward compatibility.
Page 164	Corrected error in short tag for <TerritoryExcluded> – is <j308>, not <j305>.
Page 174	PR.25.17: corrected error in Format (two, not three digits) to match codelist, and corrected example.
Elsewhere	Other minor typographical corrections.

## 2. Sample records

The next three pages show the same sample record, on the first and second pages using plain text “reference names” in XML, and on the second and third using short tags. These sample records have been revised to show the use of composite data elements which is now recommended in ONIX. The Reference names version demonstrates the use of named character entities for non-ASCII characters, whereas the Short tags version assumes a suitable character encoding declaration has been included (see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 6) and uses native non-ASCII characters. The difference is clear in the <Text>/<d104> data elements.

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    Americans, and Americanisms for the British, is a scholarly yet witty
    lexicon, combining definitions with commentary on the most frequently used
    and some lesser known words and phrases. Highly readable, it&rsquo;s a snip
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### 3. ONIX for Books <Product> record specification

#### <Product> record

A product is described by a group of data elements beginning with an XML label <Product> and ending with an XML label </Product>. The entire group of data elements which is enclosed between these two labels constitutes an ONIX product record. The product record is the fundamental unit within an ONIX Product Information message. In almost every case, each product record describes an individually tradable item.

Reference name	<Product>
Short tag	<product>

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#### PR.1 Record reference number, type and source

Two mandatory data elements must be included at the beginning of every product record or update. The first, **<RecordReference>**, is a number which uniquely identifies the record. The second, **<NotificationType>**, is a code which specifies the type of notification or update.

If the record is sent as a deletion, the reason for deletion can optionally be indicated as a code (**<DeletionCode>**) or as plain text (**<DeletionText>**).

The source of the record can optionally be indicated by one or more of the elements **<RecordSourceType>**, **<RecordSourceIdentifier>** (with **<RecordSourceIdentifierType>**), and **<RecordSourceName>**.

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##### PR.1.1 Record reference number

For every product, you must choose a single number which will uniquely identify the Information record which you send out about that product, and which will remain as its permanent identifier every time you send an update. It doesn't matter what number you choose, provided that it is unique and permanent. This number doesn't really identify the *product* – even though you may choose to use the ISBN or another product identifier – it identifies your *information record about the product*, so that the person to whom you are sending an update can match it with what you have previously sent. A good way of generating numbers which are not part of a recognized product identification scheme but which can be guaranteed to be unique is to preface the number with an Internet domain name which is registered to your organisation.

This field is mandatory and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length, alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 32 characters.
Reference name	<RecordReference>
Short tag	<a001>
Example	8474339790

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### PR.1.2 Notification or update type code

An ONIX code which indicates the type of notification or update which you are sending. Mandatory and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 1</a>
Reference name	<NotificationType>
Short tag	<a002>
Example	02     Advance notification

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### PR.1.3 Reason for deletion code

An ONIX code which indicates the reason why an ONIX record is being deleted. Optional and non-repeating; and may occur only when the **<NotificationType>** element carries the code value 05. Note that it refers to the reason why the *record* is being deleted, not the reason why a *product* has been “deleted” (in industries which use this terminology when a product is withdrawn).

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 2</a>
Reference name	<DeletionCode>
Short tag	<a198>
Example	

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### PR.1.4 Reason for deletion

Free text which indicates the reason why an ONIX record is being deleted. Optional and non-repeating; and may occur only when the **<NotificationType>** element carries the code value 05. Note that it refers to the reason why the *record* is being deleted, not the reason why a *product* has been “deleted” (in industries which use this terminology when a product is withdrawn).

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<DeletionText>
Short tag	<a199>
Example	<i>Issued in error</i>

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### PR.1.5 Record source type code

An ONIX code which indicates the type of source which has issued the ONIX record. Optional and non-repeating, independently of the occurrence of any other field.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 3</a>
Reference name	<RecordSourceType>
Short tag	<a194>
Example	01

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### PR.1.6 Record source identifier type code

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the **<RecordSourceIdentifier>** element is taken. Optional and non-repeating, but **<RecordSourceIdentifier>** must also be present if this field is present.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 44</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;RecordSourceIdentifierType&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;a195&gt;</b>
Example	03 Deutsche Bibliothek publisher identifier

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### PR.1.7 Record source identifier

An identifier for the party which issued the record, from the scheme specified in **<RecordSourceIdentifierType>**. Optional and non-repeating, but **<RecordSourceIdentifierType>** must also be present if this field is present.

Format	Defined by the identifier scheme specified in <b>&lt;RecordSourceIdentifierType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<b>&lt;RecordSourceIdentifier&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;a196&gt;</b>
Example	

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### PR.1.8 Record source name

The name of the party which issued the record, as free text. Optional and non-repeating, independently of the occurrence of any other field.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;RecordSourceName&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;a197&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Cambridge University Press</i>

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## PR.2 Product numbers

Any individual product number may occur once only in the description of a product. If only one is given, the EAN-13 article number is the preferred identifier for international use across a range of product types. Other product numbers should be included where they exist. **The XML DTD requires at least one number to be sent, but does not enforce or rule out any particular types or combinations.**

This Group should now be limited to identifiers of the product which is being described. In early ONIX releases, it also carried the identifier of any past product which the current product replaces. These elements are retained for upwards compatibility, but the recommended practise is to use the **<RelatedProduct>** composite in Group PR.23.

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### PR.2.1 ISBN-10

### DEPRECATED

The 10-character International Standard Book Number, the recognized standard identifier for books and certain other non-serial publications up to 31 December 2006. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred. The <ISBN> element is on no account to be used to carry a 13-digit ISBN.**

Format	Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X. The last character is a check character calculated in accordance with rules given at <a href="http://www.isbn.spk-berlin.de/html/userman.htm">http://www.isbn.spk-berlin.de/html/userman.htm</a>
Reference name	<ISBN>
Short tag	<b004>
Example	8474339790

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### PR.2.2 EAN.UCC-13 article number

### DEPRECATED

The cross-industry product code administered by EAN International and its member agencies worldwide, in association with UCC in the US. Optional and non-repeating. For books, an EAN number can be derived from a ten-character ISBN by (a) prefixing it with the three digits 978, (b) deleting the ISBN check character, and (c) attaching a new check digit calculated according to EAN rules. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits. The last digit is a modulus-10 check digit calculated in accordance with the rules given at <a href="http://www.ean-int.org/cdcalcul.html">http://www.ean-int.org/cdcalcul.html</a>
Reference name	<EAN13>
Short tag	<b005>
Example	9788474339796

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**PR.2.3 UPC****DEPRECATED**

Universal Product Code, the cross-industry product numbering and bar-coding system administered in the USA by the Uniform Code Council. Optional and non-repeating. In the US book trade, required for mass-market editions sold in supermarkets and other non-book-trade outlets. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, 12 numeric digits. The last digit is a modulus-10 check digit. For more information see

[http://www.uc-council.org/main/ID\\_Numbers\\_and\\_Bar\\_Codes.html](http://www.uc-council.org/main/ID_Numbers_and_Bar_Codes.html)

Reference name <UPC>

Short tag <b006>

Example 071001005998

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**PR.2.4 Publisher's product number****DEPRECATED**

A product code assigned by the publisher of a product, not taken from a recognized standard numbering scheme. Optional and non-repeating. To be used only when the product does not have a number from a recognized industry standard scheme (eg ISBN or ISMN), but may occur together with an EAN-13 number. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 35 characters.

Reference name <PublisherProductNo>

Short tag <b007>

Example

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**PR.2.5 ISMN****DEPRECATED**

International Standard Music Number, the recognized standard identifier for printed music. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, letter M followed by nine numeric digits, the last of which is a check character calculated according to rules given at

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ismn/s12-200-e.html>

Reference name <ISMN>

Short tag <b008>

Example M345246805

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**PR.2.6 DOI****DEPRECATED**

Digital Object Identifier. The international identifier for intellectual property in the digital environment. See <http://www.doi.org/> Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite below provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters.
Reference name	<DOI>
Short tag	<b009>
Example	10.1006/jmbi.1998.2354

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**Product identifier composite**

A repeatable group of data elements which together define the identifier of a product in accordance with a specified scheme, allowing new types of product identifier to be included without defining additional data elements. In particular, the composite allows proprietary identifiers (SKUs) assigned by wholesalers or vendors to be sent as part of the ONIX record.

To support the transition from ten-character ISBNs to 13-digit ISBNs, effective from 1 January 2007, there are distinct **<ProductIDType>** codes for ISBN-10 and ISBN-13, as well as for EAN.UCC-13.

ISBN-13 numbers in their unhyphenated form constitute a range of EAN.UCC-13 numbers that has been reserved for the international book trade. It has been agreed by ONIX national groups that it will be *mandatory* in an ONIX **<Product>** record for any item carrying an ISBN-13 to include the ISBN-13 labelled as an EAN.UCC number (ProductIDType code 03), since this is how the ISBN-13 will be universally used in trading transactions. For many ONIX applications this will also be *sufficient*.

For some ONIX applications, however, particularly when data is to be supplied to the library sector, there may be reasons why the ISBN-13 must *also* be sent labelled distinctively as an ISBN-13 (ProductIDType code 15); or, if the item also has an ISBN-10, why it may still be desirable to send the ISBN-10 even after the end of 2006. Users should consult national “good practice” guidelines and/or discuss with their trading partners.

Reference name	<ProductIdentifier>
Short tag	<productidentifier>

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**PR.2.7 Product identifier type code**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ProductIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 5</a>
Reference name	<ProductIDType>
Short tag	<b221>
Example	02 ISBN-10

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**PR.2.8 Identifier type name**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<ProductIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<IDTypeName>
Short tag	<b233>
Example	KNO

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**PR.2.9 Identifier value**

An identifier of the type specified in the **<ProductIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ProductIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the identifier type specified in <b>&lt;ProductIDType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<IDValue>
Short tag	<b244>
Example	8474339790

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**End of product identifier composite****PR.2.10 Barcode indicator**

An ONIX code indicating whether a product is bar-coded. Optional, and repeatable if the product carries two or more barcodes from different schemes. The absence of this field does NOT mean that a product is not bar-coded.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 6</a>
Reference name	<Barcode>
Short tag	<b246>
Example	01     Barcoded, scheme unspecified

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**PR.2.11 Replaces ISBN-10****DEPRECATED**

10-character International Standard Book Number of a former product which the current product replaces. Optional and non-repeating. **Note, however, that the <RelatedProduct> composite in Group PR.23 provides a more general method of handling this type of link. This is now the preferred ONIX approach. The <ReplacesISBN> element is retained only for upwards compatibility. This element is on no account to be used to carry a 13-digit ISBN.**

Format	Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X.
Reference name	<ReplacesISBN>
Short tag	<b010>
Example	8474339790

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**PR.2.12 Replaces EAN.UCC-13 article number****DEPRECATED**

The EAN.UCC-13 article number of a former product which the current product replaces. Optional and non-repeating. **Note, however, that the <RelatedProduct> composite in Group PR.23 provides a more general method of handling this type of link. This is now the preferred ONIX approach. The <ReplacesISBN> element is retained only for upwards compatibility.**

Format Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits.

Reference name <ReplacesEAN13>

Short tag <b011>

Example 9788474339796

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## PR.3 Product form

The primary form of a product is defined by a single code in PR.3.1, which may be supplemented by description in PR.3.3. If the primary form code indicates that the product is a mixed media item, a quantity pack for retail sale, or a trade pack (dumpbin, counterpack or shrinkwrap), the “contained item” composite may be used to specify the identifier(s), form, and quantity of the items contained in the product.

### PR.3.1 Product form code

An ONIX code which indicates the primary form of the product. Mandatory and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters.
Code list	<a href="#">List 7</a>
Reference name	<ProductForm>
Short tag	<b012>
Example	<i>BB</i> Hardback book

### PR.3.2 Product form detail

**NEW**

An ONIX code which provides added detail of the medium and/or format of the product. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Fixed-length, four characters: one letter followed by three numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 78</a>
Reference name	<ProductFormDetail>
Short tag	<b333>
Example	<i>B206</i> Pop-up book

### Product form feature composite

**NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe an aspect of product form that is too specific to be covered in the <ProductForm> and <ProductFormDetail> elements. Optional.

Reference name	<ProductFormFeature>
Short tag	<productformfeature>

### PR.3.3 Product form feature type

**NEW**

An ONIX code which specifies the feature described by an instance of the <ProductFormFeature> composite, eg *binding color*. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 79</a>
Reference name	<ProductFormFeatureType>
Short tag	<b334>
Example	<i>02</i> Page edge color

**PR.3.4 Product form feature value****NEW**

A controlled value that describes a product form feature. Presence or absence of this element depends on the **<ProductFormFeatureType>**, since some product form features (eg *thumb index*) do not require an accompanying value, while others (eg *text font*) require free text in **<ProductFormFeatureDescription>**. Non-repeating.

Format	Dependent on the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureType&gt;</b>
Code list	Dependent on the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureType&gt;</b> For binding color, see <a href="#">List 98</a> For page edge color, see <a href="#">List 98</a> For text font, use free text in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureDescription&gt;</b> , which may include font name and/or size For special cover material, see <a href="#">List 99</a> For DVD region codes, see <a href="#">List 76</a> <i>Further features with corresponding code lists may be added from time to time without a re-issue of this document: see the latest release of Code List 79.</i>
Reference name	<b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureValue&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b335&gt;</b>
Example	<i>BLK</i> Black (binding color)

**PR.3.5 Product form feature description****NEW**

If the **<ProductFormFeatureType>** requires free text rather than a code value, or if the code in **<ProductFormFeatureValue>** does not adequately describe the feature, a short text description may be added. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureDescription&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b336&gt;</b>
Example	<i>11pt Helvetia</i>

**End of product form feature composite****PR.3.6 Book form detail****DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code specifying more detail of the product format when the product is a book. Repeatable when two or more coded characteristics apply. This field is optional, but must only be included when the code in the **<ProductForm>** element begins with letter B. **This field will be superseded by the new element <ProductFormDetail>, and the code list will not be further developed. The field is retained only for purposes of upwards compatibility, and its use is now to be deprecated.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 8</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;BookFormDetail&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b013&gt;</b>
Example	<i>04</i> Paper over boards

**PR.3.7 Product packaging type code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates the type of packaging used for the product. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 80</a>
Reference name	<ProductPackaging>
Short tag	<b225>
Example	05 Jewel case

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**PR.3.8 Product form description**

If product form codes do not adequately describe the product, a short text description may be added to give a more detailed specification of the product form. The field is optional and non-repeating.

**Although this element was originally included to allow the number and type of pieces contained in a multiple product to be stated, as in the example below, the correct method of describing mixed media products in Release 2.1 is to use two or more occurrences of the <ContainedItem> composite to give a properly structured specification of each media type.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters.
Reference name	<ProductFormDescription>
Short tag	<b014>
Example	3 volumes with 2 audiocassettes

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**PR.3.9 Number of pieces**

If the product is homogeneous (ie all items or pieces which constitute the product have the same form), the number of items or pieces may be included here. If the product consists of a number of items or pieces of different forms (eg books and audio cassettes), the <ContainedItem> composite should be used – see below. This field is optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 digits.
Reference name	<NumberOfPieces>
Short tag	<b210>
Example	3

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**PR.3.10 Trade category code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates a trade category which is somewhat related to but not properly an attribute of product form. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 12</a>
Reference name	<TradeCategory>
Short tag	<b384>
Example	03 Sonderausgabe (Germany)

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**PR.3.11 Product content type code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates certain types of content which are closely related to but not strictly an attribute of product form, eg *audiobook*. Optional and repeatable. The element is intended to be used with products where content is delivered in the form of a digital or analogue recording. It is not expected to be used for books.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 81](#)

Reference name <ProductContentType>

Short tag <b385>

Example 01 Audiobook

**Contained item composite**

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe an item which is part of or contained within the current product. The composite may be used to specify the item(s) and item quantity/ies carried in a dumpbin, or included in (eg) a classroom pack, or simply to state the product forms contained within a mixed media product, without specifying their identifiers or quantity. The composite is used only when the product form coding for the product as a whole indicates that the product includes two or more different items, or multiple copies of the same item.

Each instance of the **<ContainedItem>** composite must carry at least either a product identifier, or a product form code, or both. In other words, it is valid to send an instance of the composite with an identifier and no product form code, or with a product form code and no identifier.

Reference name <ContainedItem>

Short tag <containeditem>

**PR.3.12 Contained item ISBN-10****DEPRECATED**

10-character ISBN of the contained item. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite provides a more general method of handling product codes, and is preferred. The <ISBN> element is on no account to be used to carry a 13-digit ISBN.**

Format Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X

Reference name <ISBN>

Short tag <b004>

Example 8474339790

**PR.3.13 Contained item EAN.UCC-13 article number****DEPRECATED**

EAN.UCC-13 number of the contained item. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite provides a more general method of handling product codes, and is preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits. The last digit is a modulus-10 check digit calculated in accordance with the rules given at <http://www.ean-int.org/cdcalcul.html>

Reference name <EAN13>

Short tag <b005>

Example 9788474339796

**Contained item product identifier composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together define the identifier of a product in accordance with a specified scheme, used here to carry the product identifier of a contained item. **See notes on the <ProductIdentifier> composite in section PR.2 for details of the handling of ISBN-13.**

Reference name <ProductIdentifier>

Short tag <productidentifier>

**PR.3.14 Product identifier type code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the <IDValue> element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <ProductIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list [List 5](#)

Reference name <ProductIDType>

Short tag <b221>

Example 02 ISBN-10

**PR.3.15 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the <ProductIDType> element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name <IDTypeName>

Short tag <b233>

Example KNO

**PR.3.16 Identifier value****NEW**

An identifier of the type specified in the <ProductIDType> element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <ProductIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format According to the identifier type specified in <ProductIDType>

Reference name <IDValue>

Short tag <b244>

Example 8474339790

**End of contained item product identifier composite**

**PR.3.17 Contained item product form code**

An ONIX code which indicates the primary form of the contained item. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two letters.

Code list [List 7](#)

Reference name <ProductForm>

Short tag <b012>

Example *BB* Hardback book

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**PR.3.18 Contained item product form detail****NEW**

An ONIX code which provides added detail of the medium and/or format of the contained item. Optional and repeatable. This field can only occur if the <ContainedItem> composite has a <ProductForm> code.

Format Fixed-length, four characters: one letter followed by three numeric digits

Code list [List 78](#)

Reference name <ProductFormDetail>

Short tag <b333>

Example *B206* Pop-up book

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**Contained item product form feature composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe an aspect of product form that is too specific to be covered in the <ProductForm> and <ProductFormDetail> elements. Optional. The <ProductFormFeature> composite can only occur if the <ContainedItem> composite has a <ProductForm> code.

Reference name <ProductFormFeature>

Short tag <productformfeature>

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**PR.3.19 Product form feature type****NEW**

An ONIX code which specifies the feature described by an instance of the <ProductFormFeature> composite. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 79](#)

Reference name <ProductFormFeatureType>

Short tag <b334>

Example *02* Page edge color

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**PR.3.20 Product form feature value****NEW**

A controlled value that describes a product form feature. Presence or absence of this element depends on the **<ProductFormFeatureType>**, since some product form features (eg *thumb index*) do not require an accompanying value, while others (eg *text font*) require free text in **<ProductFormFeatureDescription>**. Non-repeating.

Format	Dependent on the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureType&gt;</b>
Code list	Dependent on the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureType&gt;</b> For binding color, see <a href="#">List 98</a> For page edge color, see <a href="#">List 98</a> For text font, use free text in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureDescription&gt;</b> , which may include font name and/or size For special cover material, see <a href="#">List 99</a> For DVD region codes, see <a href="#">List 76</a> <i>Further features with corresponding code lists may be added from time to time without a re-issue of this document: see the latest release of Code List 79.</i>
Reference name	<b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureValue&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b335&gt;</b>
Example	<i>BLK</i> Black (binding color)

**PR.3.21 Product form feature description****NEW**

If the code in **<ProductFormFeatureValue>** does not adequately describe the feature, a short text description may be added.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureDescription&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b336&gt;</b>
Example	<i>11pt Helvetica</i>

**End of contained item product form feature composite****PR.3.22 Contained item book form detail****DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code specifying more detail of the contained item when the item is a book. Optional and repeatable, and must only be included when the **<ProductForm>** code for the contained item begins with letter B. **This field will be superseded by the new element <ProductFormDetail>, and the code list will not be further developed. The field is retained only for purposes of upwards compatibility, and its use is now to be deprecated.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 8</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;BookFormDetail&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b013&gt;</b>
Example	<i>04</i> Paper over boards

**PR.3.23 Contained item product packaging type code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates the type of packaging used for the contained item. Optional and non-repeating. This field can only occur if the **<ContainedItem>** composite has a **<ProductForm>** code.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 80](#)

Reference name <ProductPackaging>

Short tag <b225>

Example 05 Jewel case

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**PR.3.24 Contained item product form description**

If product form codes do not adequately describe the contained item, a short text description may be added. Optional and non-repeating. This field can only occur if the **<ContainedItem>** composite has a **<ProductForm>** code.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters.

Reference name <ProductFormDescription>

Short tag <b014>

Example *Birdsong recordings illustrating the accompanying text*

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**PR.3.25 Contained item number of pieces**

If the contained item consists of a number of different pieces of the same form, the number may be included here. Optional and non-repeating. This field can only occur if the **<ContainedItem>** composite has a **<ProductForm>** code.

Format Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 digits.

Reference name <NumberOfPieces>

Short tag <b210>

Example 3

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**PR.3.26 Contained item trade category code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates a trade category which is somewhat related to but not properly an attribute of product form. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 12](#)

Reference name <TradeCategory>

Short tag <b384>

Example 03 Sonderausgabe (Germany)

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**PR.3.27 Contained item product content type code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates certain types of content which are closely related to but not strictly an attribute of product form, eg *audiobook*. Optional and repeatable. The element is intended to be used with products where content is delivered in the form of a digital or analogue recording. It is not expected to be used for books.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 81](#)

Reference name <ProductContentType>

Short tag <b385>

Example 01 Audiobook

**PR.3.28 Contained item quantity**

For filled dumpbins and counter packs, and for retail packs containing a number of copies of the same item, the number of copies of the specified item contained in the pack. **<ItemQuantity>** is used to state a quantity of *identical* items, when a pack contains either a quantity of a single item, or a quantity of each of two or more different items (eg a dumpbin carrying copies of two different books, or a classroom pack containing a teacher's text and twenty student texts). Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length integer, maximum four digits

Reference name <ItemQuantity>

Short tag <b015>

Example 24

**End of contained item composite****Examples of the use of the <ContainedItem> composite**

<b012>WW</b012>	Mixed media product
<containeditem>	
<b012>BB</b012>	Contains hardback book(s)
<b210>2</b210>	Two volumes
</containeditem>	
<containeditem>	
<b012>DB</b012>	Contains CD-ROM(s)
<b210>3</b210>	Three CDs
</containeditem>	
<b012>WX</b012>	Quantity pack for retail sale
<containeditem>	
<productidentifier>	
<b221>03</b221>	
<b244>9780123456784</b244>	Contains EAN-13 9780123456784
</productidentifier>	
<b015>20</b015>	20 copies
</containeditem>	

These two examples illustrate the distinction between **<b210> Number of pieces** and **<b015> Item quantity**.

It would be perfectly possible to use both within the same composite, eg for a retail pack containing 20 copies of a two-volume book:

<b012>WX</b012>	Quantity pack for retail sale
<containeditem>	
<productidentifier>	
<b221>03</b221>	
<b244>9780123456784</b244>	Contains EAN-13 9780123456784
</productidentifier>	
<b012>BB</b012>	Hardback book
<b210>2</b210>	Two volumes
<b015>20</b015>	20 copies
</containeditem>	

### Product classification composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together define a product classification (NOT to be confused with a subject classification). The intended use is to enable national or international trade classifications (aka commodity codes) to be carried in an ONIX record.

Reference name      <ProductClassification>

Short tag            <productclassification>

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### PR.3.29 Product classification type code

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in **<ProductClassificationCode>** is taken. Mandatory in any instance of the **<ProductClassification>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format              Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list           [List 9](#)

Reference name      <ProductClassificationType>

Short tag            <b274>

Example              02      UNSPSC

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### PR.3.30 Product classification code

A classification code from the scheme specified in **<ProductClassificationType>**. Mandatory in any instance of the **<ProductClassification>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format              According to the identifier type specified in **<ProductClassificationType>**

Reference name      <ProductClassificationCode>

Short tag            <b275>

Example              55101514    Sheet music (in UNSPSC)

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**PR.3.31 Percentage****NEW**

The percentage of the unit value of the product that is assignable to a designated product classification. Optional and non-repeating. Used when a mixed product (eg book and CD) belongs partly to two or more product classifications.

Format                      Real decimal number in the range 0 to 100

Reference name          <Percent>

Short tag                  <b337>

Example                  66.67

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**End of product classification composite**

## PR.4 Epublication detail

Elements in this Group are used only when the **<ProductForm>** code for the product is *DG*, to specify the form of an epublication. There are three groups:

Fields PR.4.1 to PR.4.3 specify and where necessary describe an epublication type in accordance with a separately published code list. At least field PR.4.1 is mandatory in any ONIX record describing an epublication.

Fields PR.4.4 to PR.4.6, which are optional, make it possible separately to specify the underlying format of an epublication, though this may also be implicit in the epublication type.

Fields PR.4.7 to 4.9 would apply only to ONIX exchanges between publishers and epublication intermediaries, and make it possible to specify the format of the source file supplied by the publisher.

### PR.4.1 Epublication type code

An ONIX code identifying the type of an epublication. This element is mandatory if and only if the **<ProductForm>** code for the product is *DG*; and non-repeating.

In general, an **<EpubType>** code identifies a particular form in which an epublication is traded. The exception to this is that code *000* identifies a “content package” which is published electronically in a number of different forms. This value is used when the ONIX record describes and identifies the content package independently of the forms in which it is made available. Each available form can then be described by using the **<RelatedProduct>** composite in Group PR.23.

Format	Fixed-length, 3 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 10</a>
Reference name	<EpubType>
Short tag	<b211>
Example	<i>004</i> Adobe Ebook Reader

### PR.4.2 Epublication type version number

A version number which applies to a specific epublication type. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 10 characters
Reference name	<EpubTypeVersion>
Short tag	<b212>
Example	<i>2.1</i>

### PR.4.3 Epublication type description

A free text description of an epublication type. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters
Reference name	<EpubTypeDescription>
Short tag	<b213>
Example	<i>Adobe Ebook Reader</i>

#### PR.4.4 Epublication format code

An ONIX code identifying the underlying format of an epublication. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present. Note that where the epublication type is wholly defined by the delivery format, this element effectively duplicates the **<EpubType>** field.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 11</a>
Reference name	<EpubFormat>
Short tag	<b214>
Example	02

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#### PR.4.5 Epublication format version number

A version number which applies to an epublication format. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubFormat>** field is present.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 10 characters
Reference name	<EpubFormatVersion>
Short tag	<b215>
Example	2.1

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#### PR.4.6 Epublication format description

A free text description of an epublication format. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present, but it does not require the presence of the **<EpubFormat>** field.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters
Reference name	<EpubFormatDescription>
Short tag	<b216>
Example	<i>Screen optimized PDF, with low-res figures</i>

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#### PR.4.7 Epublication source file format code

An ONIX code identifying the source file format of an epublication when shipped by a publisher to an intermediary for conversion to one or more forms of deliverable. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 11</a>
Reference name	<EpubSource>
Short tag	<b278>
Example	02

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**PR.4.8 Epublication source file format version number**

A version number which applies to an epublication source file format. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubSource>** field is present.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 10 characters
Reference name	<EpubSourceVersion>
Short tag	<b279>
Example	2.1

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**PR.4.9 Epublication source file format description**

A free text description of an epublication source file format. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present, but it does not require the presence of the **<EpubSource>** field.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters
Reference name	<EpubSourceDescription>
Short tag	<b280>
Example	<i>Screen optimized PDF, with low-res figures</i>

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**PR.4.10 Epublication type note**

A free text description of features of a product which are specific to its appearance as a particular epublication type. Optional and non-repeatable, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters
Reference name	<EpubTypeNote>
Short tag	<b277>
Example	<i>First appearance of this title in Microsoft Reader format</i>

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## PR.5 Series

A “series” means an indefinite number of products, published over an indefinite time period, and grouped together under a series title, primarily for marketing purposes. A series does not have an EAN-13 number, ISBN or UPC, and it is not traded as a single item, although it may be possible to place a standing order for successive items in the series to be supplied automatically.

A product may occasionally belong to two or more series. Consequently the series elements constitute a repeatable composite.

Series elements include a series code if any, the series title, and any enumeration of the product within the series.

### Series composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a series of which the product is part.

Reference name <Series>

Short tag <series>

#### PR.5.1 ISSN of series

**DEPRECATED**

International Standard Serial Number identifying a series of which the product forms part. ISSNs are the standard numbering scheme for journals, and most publishers' book series are not eligible to be identified by an ISSN. ISSNs may be used, however, for established scholarly series such as *Annual Reviews of...* or *Methods in...* which are shelved in libraries as if they were journals. The field is optional and non-repeating. **The <SeriesIdentifier> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling this and other series identifiers, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, eight numeric digits, of which the last is a check digit; see

<http://www.issn.org/>

Reference name <SeriesISSN>

Short tag <b016>

Example 13513737

#### PR.5.2 Publisher's series code

**DEPRECATED**

A code or mnemonic assigned by the publisher to designate a series (and therefore not guaranteed to be unique). Optional and non-repeating. **The <SeriesIdentifier> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling this and other series identifiers, and is to be preferred.**

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters

Reference name <PublisherSeriesCode>

Short tag <b017>

Example ANNBP

## Series identifier composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together define an identifier of a series or subseries. The composite is optional, and may only repeat if two or more identifiers of different types are sent. It is not permissible to have two identifiers of the same type.

Reference name	<SeriesIdentifier>
Short tag	<seriesidentifier>

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### PR.5.3 Series identifier type code

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SeriesIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 13</a>
Reference name	<SeriesIDType>
Short tag	<b273>
Example	01

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### PR.5.4 Identifier type name

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<SeriesIDType>** field indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a publisher's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<IDTypeName>
Short tag	<b233>
Example	<i>Springer</i>

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### PR.5.5 Identifier value

An identifier of the type specified in the **<SeriesIDType>** field. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SeriesIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the identifier type specified in field PR.5.3
Reference name	<IDValue>
Short tag	<b244>
Example	1234-5678

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## End of series identifier composite



### PR.5.6 Series title

The full title of the series, without abbreviation or abridgement. Non-repeating. Either the **<TitleOfSeries>** element or at least one occurrence of the **<Title>** composite must occur in each occurrence of the **<Series>** composite. The **<Title>** composite provides a more comprehensive representation of a series title, and allows alternative forms to be sent.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<TitleOfSeries>
Short tag	<b018>
Example	<i>Blue Guides</i>

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### Title composite

**NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together give the text of a title, including a subtitle where applicable, and specify its type. **Please see Group PR.7 for details.**

Reference name	<Title>
Short tag	<title>

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### End of title composite

### Contributor composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a personal or corporate contributor to the series. The composite is optional in any occurrence of the **<Series>** composite. **Please see Group PR.8 for details.**

Reference name	<Contributor>
Short tag	<contributor>

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### End of contributor composite

### PR.5.7 Number within series

The distinctive enumeration of a product within a series. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<NumberWithinSeries>
Short tag	<b019>
Example	<i>Volume 14</i>

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**PR.5.8 Year of annual**

The nominal year of an annual publication. May be entered as *either* a single year YYYY *or* a span of two consecutive years YYYY-YYYY. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	<i>Either</i> four numeric digits, <i>or</i> four numeric digits followed by hyphen followed by four numeric digits
Reference name	<YearOfAnnual>
Short tag	<b020>
Example	1999

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**End of series composite****PR.5.9 “No series” indicator****NEW**

An empty element that provides a positive indication that a product does not belong to a series. Intended to be used in an ONIX accreditation scheme to confirm that series information is being consistently supplied in publisher ONIX feeds. Optional and non-repeating. Must only be sent in a record that has no instances of the **<Series>** composite.

Format	XML empty element
Reference name	<NoSeries/>
Short tag	<n338/>
Example	<NoSeries/>

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## PR.6 Set

A “set” means a finite number of products grouped together under a set title. The products may originally be published over a period of time, but generally they have become or will become available for simultaneous purchase. A set may be traded as a single item or in separate parts or both. If traded as a single item, a set should have its own product identifier such as an EAN-13 number and/or an ISBN.

A set may be further divided into two or more parts or “subsets”, each with its own distinctive title. A “subset” is an intermediate level between the set as a whole and the individual product, as in *A History of Western Europe, Part II: The Dark Ages, Volume I: After Rome*.

A product may belong to two or more sets. Consequently the set elements constitute a repeatable composite.

Set elements include a set product number if any, the set title, and whatever elements of enumeration and title are needed to provide a complete identification of a product within the set. All these elements should be entered in Group PR.6, even if they are duplicated in a title in Group PR.7.

### Set composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a set of which the product is part.

Reference name <Set>

Short tag <set>

#### PR.6.1 ISBN-10 of set

**DEPRECATED**

A 10-character ISBN identifying a set of which the product forms part. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X

Reference name <ISBNOfSet>

Short tag <b021>

Example 8474339790

#### PR.6.2 EAN.UCC-13 number of set

**DEPRECATED**

EAN.UCC-13 article number identifying a set of which the product forms part. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits

Reference name <EAN13OfSet>

Short tag <b022>

Example 9788474339796

## Product identifier composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together define the identifier of a product in accordance with a specified scheme, used here to carry the product identifier for a set. **See notes on the <ProductIdentifier> composite in section PR.2 for details of the handling of ISBN-13.**

Reference name <ProductIdentifier>

Short tag <productidentifier>

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### PR.6.3 Product identifier type code

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the <IDValue> element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <ProductIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list [List 5](#)

Reference name <ProductIDType>

Short tag <b221>

Example 02 ISBN

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### PR.6.4 Identifier type name

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the <ProductIDType> element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name <IDTypeName>

Short tag <b233>

Example KNO

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### PR.6.5 Identifier value

An identifier of the type specified in the <ProductIDType> element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <ProductIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format According to the identifier type specified in <ProductIDType>

Reference name <IDValue>

Short tag <b244>

Example 8474339790

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## End of product identifier composite

**PR.6.6 Set title**

The full title of the set, without abbreviation or abridgement. Non-repeating. Either the **<TitleOfSet>** element or at least one occurrence of the **<Title>** composite must occur in each occurrence of the **<Set>** composite. The **<Title>** composite provides a more comprehensive representation of a set title, and allows alternative forms to be sent.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<TitleOfSet>
Short tag	<b023>
Example	<i>Lives of the Artists</i>

**Title composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together give the text of a title, including a subtitle where applicable, and specify its type. **Please see Group PR.7 for details.**

Reference name	<Title>
Short tag	<title>

**End of title composite****PR.6.7 Set part (“subset”) number**

The distinctive enumeration of a “subset” of which the product is a member, used only when a set is itself divided into two levels, eg *A History of Western Europe, Part II: The Dark Ages, Volume I: After Rome*. Optional and non-repeating. Note that this element is used for the first subdivision of a set which has two levels, *regardless of the nomenclature (part, volume, etc) which the publisher uses at each level*.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<SetPartNumber>
Short tag	<b024>
Example	<i>Part II</i>

**PR.6.8 Set part (“subset”) title**

The title of a “subset” of which the product is a member, used only when a set is itself divided into two levels, eg *A History of Western Europe, Part II: The Dark Ages, Volume I: After Rome*. Use this field only for the section of the whole title which is shared by, and only by, the members of the subset. Optional and non-repeating. Note that this element is used for the first subdivision of a set which has two levels, *regardless of the nomenclature (part, volume, etc) which the publisher uses at each level*.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<SetPartTitle>
Short tag	<b025>
Example	<i>The Dark Ages</i>

**PR.6.9 Item number within set**

The distinctive enumeration of the product as an item within a set (or within a part of a set). Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<ItemNumberWithinSet>
Short tag	<b026>
Example	<i>Volume 1</i>

**PR.6.10 Level sequence number****NEW**

A number which specifies the position of an item in a set within a multi-level hierarchy of such items. Numbering starts at the top level in the hierarchy, and the first item at the top level is numbered 1. Optional and non-repeating. The purpose of this element is to make it possible to describe structured sets in a normalized way, since enumeration carried as **<ItemNumberWithinSet>** may take a wide variety of forms.

Format	Variable-length string of integers, each successive integer being separated by a full stop, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<LevelSequenceNumber>
Short tag	<b284>
Example	<i>2.7</i>

**PR.6.11 Set item title**

The title which the product carries as an item within a set, eg *After Rome* in *A History of Western Europe, Part II: The Dark Ages, Volume I: After Rome*. This will invariably duplicate at least part of the product title in Group PR.7, but by entering it in this group it is possible to assure a correctly structured entry for the set. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<SetItemTitle>
Short tag	<b281>
Example	<i>After Rome</i>

**End of set composite****Use of title and enumeration elements in the <Set> composite**

For a set that has only one level of subdivision: use **<ItemNumberWithinSet>** and **<SetItemTitle>**, regardless of the nomenclature (part, volume, etc) that is used for the item within the set.

For a set that has two levels of subdivision: use **<SetPartNumber>** and **<SetPartTitle>** for the higher level subdivision, and **<ItemNumberWithinSet>** and **<SetItemTitle>** for the lower level, regardless of the nomenclature (part, volume, etc) that is used by the publisher at each level.

## PR.7 Title

Group PR.7 carries the title or titles of the product described in the ONIX record, and includes the primary occurrence of the **<Title>** composite, which is also used elsewhere in the Product Record format.

Title elements include the title and subtitle of the product, the title of the work in its original language if the product is a translation, and a previous title if the work has been published in the past under a different title.

The preferred method of sending any form of title is to use the **<Title>** composite. Other individual title elements are retained for upwards compatibility.

Group PR.7 also includes a **<WorkIdentifier>** composite to carry encoded links between different editions (or “manifestations”) of the same original work.

### PR.7.1 Text case flag

**DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code indicating the case in which the title elements are sent. The default is “unspecified”. Optional and non-repeating. **Text case can now be indicated by an XML attribute on any text element, and this method is preferred. See ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification, Section 4.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 14</a>
Reference name	<TextCaseFlag>
Short tag	<b027>
Example	01

### PR.7.2 Distinctive title of product

**DEPRECATED**

The full text of the distinctive title of the product, without abbreviation or abridgement, but excluding the subtitle (if any). Where the title alone is not distinctive, elements may be taken from a set or series title and part number etc to create a distinctive title. Where the product is an omnibus edition containing two or more works by the same author, and there is no separate product title, a product title may be constructed by concatenating the individual titles, with suitable punctuation, as in the second example below. (If, however, there is a separate product title, or if more description of each individual work is required, the **<ContentItem>** composite can be used for the individual works – see Group PR.18.) Optional and non-repeating. **The <Title> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling all forms of title, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<DistinctiveTitle>
Short tag	<b028>
Examples	<i>A People's Tragedy</i> <i>Pride and prejudice / Sense and sensibility / Northanger Abbey</i>

**PR.7.3 Title prefix****DEPRECATED**

Text at the beginning of the distinctive title of the product which is to be ignored for alphabetical sorting. Optional and non-repeating; can only be used if the **<TitleWithoutPrefix>** element is also present. These two elements may be used in combination in applications where it is necessary to distinguish an initial word or character string which is to be ignored for filing purposes, eg in library systems and in some bookshop databases. **The <Title> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling all forms of title, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<TitlePrefix>
Short tag	<b030>
Example	<i>The</i>

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**PR.7.4 Title text without prefix****DEPRECATED**

Full text of the distinctive title of the product, without abbreviation or abridgement, and without the title prefix. Optional and non-repeating; can only be used if the **<TitlePrefix>** element is also present. **The <Title> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling all forms of title, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<TitleWithoutPrefix>
Short tag	<b031>
Example	<i>shameful life of Salvador Dali</i>

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**PR.7.5 Subtitle of product****DEPRECATED**

The full text of the subtitle of the product, if any. "Subtitle" means any added words which appear with the title of the product and which amplify and explain the title, but which are not considered to be part of the distinctive title. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Title> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling all forms of title, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<Subtitle>
Short tag	<b029>
Example	<i>The Russian Revolution 1891-1924</i>

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**PR.7.6 Translation-of title****DEPRECATED**

Title of a work from which the product is translated, without abbreviation or abridgement. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Title> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling all forms of title, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<TranslationOfTitle>
Short tag	<b032>
Example	<i>L'Isola del Giorno Prima</i>

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**PR.7.7 Former title****DEPRECATED**

A different title under which the work was previously published, without abbreviation or abridgement. Optional, and repeatable if the work has had more than one former title. **The <Title> composite below provides a more general method of handling all forms of title, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<FormerTitle>
Short tag	<b033>
Example	<i>English English</i>

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**Title composite**

A repeatable group of data elements which together give the text of a title and specify its type. The composite may also be used to send a title which has been abbreviated where necessary to keep it within a specified maximum length. Any occurrence of the <Title> composite must include one of the following: <TitleText> only, <TitlePrefix> with <TitleWithoutPrefix>, <TitleText> and <TitlePrefix> with <TitleWithoutPrefix>. If there is a subtitle, it should *not* be sent as part of the title text, but as a separate <Subtitle> element. The <Title> element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*, where these are shared by all text elements within the composite.

Reference name	<Title>
Short tag	<title>

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**PR.7.8 Title type code**

An ONIX code indicating the type of a title. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <Title> composite, and non-repeating. Additional types of title can now be defined by adding code values without requiring a new ONIX release.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 15</a>
Reference name	<TitleType>
Short tag	<b202>
Example	<i>01</i>

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**PR.7.9 Abbreviated title length**

If the <Title> composite is used to carry an abbreviated title, the length to which the title is abbreviated may be indicated by giving the maximum number of characters (regardless of whether in each specific instance abbreviation has been required in order to meet this limit). The <TitleType> code should indicate the form of the title that has been abbreviated. Optional and non-repeating. If this element is present, the <TitleText> element must be used to carry the abbreviated form. [The option also exists to send an abbreviated title as a separate <TitleType> without using <AbbreviatedLength>, which is simpler, but less informative.]

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum 3 digits
Reference name	<AbbreviatedLength>
Short tag	<b276>
Example	<i>40</i>

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**PR.7.10 Text case flag****DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code indicating the case in which the text elements in an occurrence of the **<Title>** composite are sent. The default is “unspecified”. Optional and non-repeating. **Text case can now be indicated by an XML attribute on any text element, and this method is preferred. See ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification, Section 4.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 14</a>
Reference name	<TextCaseFlag>
Short tag	<b027>
Example	01

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**PR.7.11 Title text**

The text of the title specified by the **<TitleType>** code; and excluding the subtitle, if any. Optional and non-repeating; see text at the head of the **<Title>** composite for details of valid title text options. The **<TitleText>** element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 300 characters
Reference name	<TitleText>
Short tag	<b203>
Example	<i>Nicholas Nickleby</i>

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**PR.7.12 Title prefix****NEW**

Text at the beginning of a title which is to be ignored for alphabetical sorting. Optional and non-repeating; can only be used if the **<TitleWithoutPrefix>** element is also present. These two elements may be used in combination in applications where it is necessary to distinguish an initial word or character string which is to be ignored for filing purposes, eg in library systems and in some bookshop databases. The **<TitlePrefix>** element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<TitlePrefix>
Short tag	<b030>
Example	<i>The</i>

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**PR.7.13 Title text without prefix****NEW**

Full text of a title, without abbreviation or abridgement, and without the title prefix; and excluding the subtitle, if any. Optional and non-repeating; can only be used if the **<TitlePrefix>** element is also present. The **<TitleWithoutPrefix>** element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<TitleWithoutPrefix>
Short tag	<b031>
Example	<i>shameful life of Salvador Dali</i>

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**PR.7.14 Subtitle**

The full text of a subtitle, if any. "Subtitle" means any added words which appear with the title given in an occurrence of the **<Title>** composite, and which amplify and explain the title, but which are not considered to be part of the title itself. Optional and non-repeating. The **<Subtitle>** element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 300 characters

Reference name <Subtitle>

Short tag <b029>

Example *The Russian Revolution 1891-1924*

**End of title composite****Examples of the use of the <Title> composite**

"The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton"

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<Title>
<TitleType>01</TitleType>           Distinctive title
<TitleText textcase="01">The all-true travels and adventures  Sentence case
  of Lidie Newton</TitleText>         Title
</Title>
```

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<title textcase="03">           All capitals
<b202>01</b202>               Distinctive title
<b276>30</b276>               Abbreviated to 30 characters
<b203>ALL-TRUE TRAVELS LIDIE NEWTON</b203>   Title
</title>
```

In the first example a *textcase* attribute is used in the **<TitleText>** element. In the second example it is used in the **<Title>** element. Either approach is valid.

## Work identifier composite

A group of data elements which together define the identifier of a work which is manifested in the product described by an ONIX <Product> record. Optional and repeatable.

Reference name <WorkIdentifier>

Short tag <workidentifier>

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### PR.7.15 Work identifier type code

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in <IDValue> is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <WorkIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list [List 16](#)

Reference name <WorkIDType>

Short tag <b201>

Example 01

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### PR.7.16 Identifier type name

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in <WorkIDType> indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a bibliographic agency's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name <IDTypeName>

Short tag <b233>

Example

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### PR.7.17 Identifier value

An identifier of the type specified in <WorkIDType>. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <WorkIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format According to the identifier type specified in <WorkIDType>

Reference name <IDValue>

Short tag <b244>

Example 12345678

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## End of work identifier composite

**Website composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to the work identified in an occurrence of the **<WorkIdentifier>** composite.

Reference name      <Website>

Short tag            <website>

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**PR.7.18 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list            [List 73](#)

Reference name      <WebsiteRole>

Short tag            <b367>

Example              05

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**PR.7.19 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name      <WebsiteDescription>

Short tag            <b294>

Example

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**PR.7.20 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name      <WebsiteLink>

Short tag            <b295>

Example              <http://xyzbooks.com/ISTC123456789.htm>

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**End of website composite**

**PR.7.21 Thesis type code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying a thesis type, when the ONIX record describes an item which was originally presented as an academic thesis or dissertation. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list [List 72](#)

Reference name <ThesisType>

Short tag <b368>

Example 01

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**PR.7.22 Thesis presented to****NEW**

The name of an academic institution to which a thesis was presented. Optional and non-repeating, but if this element is present, **<ThesisType>** must also be present.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name <ThesisPresentedTo>

Short tag <b369>

Example

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**PR.7.23 Year of thesis****NEW**

The year in which a thesis was presented. Optional and non-repeating, but if this element is present, **<ThesisType>** must also be present.

Format Fixed-length, four numeric digits

Reference name <ThesisYear>

Short tag <b370>

Example 2002

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## PR.8 Authorship

Authorship and other forms of contribution are described by repeats of the **<Contributor>** composite, within which the recommended form of representation of a person name is the structured data element group consisting of Person name part 1 to Person name part 8. If desired, more than one form of representation of the **same** name may be sent in a single occurrence of the composite.

A contributor composite is valid in terms of the XML DTD provided it contains **at least** a **<ContributorRole>** code and

- (a) one or more of the forms of representation of a person name, with or without an occurrence of the **<PersonNameIdentifier>** composite, **or**
- (b) a **<CorporateName>** element, **or**
- (c) an occurrence of the **<PersonNameIdentifier>** composite without any accompanying name element(s), **or**
- (d) an **<UnnamedPersons>** element.

Other elements are optional.

The **<ContributorStatement>** element may be used to provide a free text statement of the whole of the authorship of the product in the form in which the publisher intends it to be displayed. Individual name elements must still be sent for indexing to support computer searching.

A new optional element **<NoContributor>** may be used to make a positive statement in an ONIX record that the item has no named authorship.

### Contributor composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a personal or corporate contributor to the product.

Reference name	<b>&lt;Contributor&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;contributor&gt;</b>

### PR.8.1 Contributor sequence number

A number which specifies a single overall sequence of contributor names. Optional and non-repeating. There are two ways of approaching the sequencing of contributor names: by defining a single sequence across all contributors, which is the general ONIX practise; or by defining an individual sequence for each contributor role, using the element **<SequenceNumberWithinRole>** on the next page. Some applications require this more precise sequencing. Where it is not required, it is strongly recommended that each occurrence of the **<Contributor>** composite should carry an overall **<SequenceNumber>**.

Format	Variable-length integer, 1, 2, 3 etc, suggested maximum length 3 digits
Reference name	<b>&lt;SequenceNumber&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b034&gt;</b>
Example	3

### PR.8.2 Contributor role

An ONIX code indicating the role played by a person or corporate body in the creation of the product. Mandatory in each occurrence of a **<Contributor>** composite, and may be repeated if the same person or corporate body has more than one role in relation to the product. Note, however, that if the **<SequenceNumberWithinRole>** element is used to establish individual sequences of contributor names by role, the **<ContributorRole>** element must not be repeated. There must instead be separate occurrences of the **<Contributor>** composite if the same person has two or more roles.

Format	Fixed-length, one letter and two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 17</a>
Reference name	<ContributorRole>
Short tag	<b035>
Example	<i>A01</i>

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### PR.8.3 Language from which a translation was made

Used only when the **<ContributorRole>** code value is *B06*, *B08* or *B10* indicating a translator, to specify the language from which the translation was made. This makes it possible to specify a translator's exact responsibility when a work involved translation from two or more languages. Optional and repeatable in the unlikely event that a single person has been responsible for translation from two or more languages.

Format	Fixed-length, three lower-case letters. Note that ISO 639 specifies that these codes should always be in lower-case.
Code list	ISO 639-2/B <a href="#">List 74</a>
Reference name	<LanguageCode>
Short tag	<b252>
Example	<i>eng</i>

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### PR.8.4 Contributor sequence number within role

**NEW**

A number which specifies the sequence of contributor names within a specified role, for applications which require this form of numbering. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, 1, 2, 3 etc, suggested maximum length 3 digits
Reference name	<SequenceNumberWithinRole>
Short tag	<b340>
Example	<i>3</i>

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### PR.8.5 Person name

The name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product, unstructured, and presented in normal order. Optional and non-repeating: see Group PR.8 introductory text for valid options.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<PersonName>
Short tag	<b036>
Example	<i>James J. Johnson III</i>

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**PR.8.6 Person name, inverted**

The name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product, presented in inverted order, with the element used for alphabetical sorting placed first. Optional and non-repeating: see Group PR.8 introductory text for valid options.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<PersonNameInverted>
Short tag	<b037>
Example	<i>Johnson, James J., III</i>

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**PR.8.7 Person name part 1: titles before names**

The first part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: qualifications and/or titles preceding a person's names, eg *Professor* or *HRH Prince* or *Saint*. Optional and non-repeating: see Group PR.8 introductory text for valid options.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<TitlesBeforeNames>
Short tag	<b038>
Example	<i>HRH Prince</i>

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**PR.8.8 Person name part 2: names before key name**

The second part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: name(s) and/or initial(s) preceding a person's key name(s), eg *James J.* Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<NamesBeforeKey>
Short tag	<b039>
Example	<i>James J.</i>

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**PR.8.9 Person name part 3: prefix to key name**

The third part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: a prefix which precedes the key name(s) but which is not to be treated as part of the key name, eg *van* in *Ludwig van Beethoven*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<PrefixToKey>
Short tag	<b247>
Example	<i>van</i>

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**PR.8.10 Person name part 4: key name(s)**

The fourth part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: key name(s), ie the name elements normally used to open an entry in an alphabetical list, eg *Smith* or *Garcia Marquez* or *Madonna* or *Francis de Sales* (in *Saint Francis de Sales*). Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<KeyNames>
Short tag	<b040>
Example	<i>Beethoven</i>

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**PR.8.11 Person name part 5: names after key names**

The fifth part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: name suffix, or name(s) following a person's key name(s), eg *Ibrahim* (in *Anwar Ibrahim*). Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<NamesAfterKey>
Short tag	<b041>
Example	<i>Ibrahim</i>

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**PR.8.12 Person name part 6: suffix after key names**

The sixth part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: a suffix following a person's key name(s), eg *Jr* or *III*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<SuffixToKey>
Short tag	<b248>
Example	<i>Jr</i>

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**PR.8.13 Person name part 7: qualifications and honors after names**

The seventh part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: qualifications and honors following a person's names, eg *CBE FRS*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<LettersAfterNames>
Short tag	<b042>
Example	<i>MB FRCS</i>

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**PR.8.14 Person name part 8: titles after names**

The eighth part of a structured name of a person who contributed to the creation of the product: titles following a person's names, eg *Duke of Edinburgh*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<TitlesAfterNames>
Short tag	<b043>
Example	<i>Duke of Edinburgh</i>

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**Person name identifier composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify a party name identifier, used here to carry an identifier for a name given in an occurrence of the **<Contributor>** composite. Optional: see Group PR.8 introductory text for valid options.

Reference name	<PersonNameIdentifier>
Short tag	<personnameidentifier>

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**PR.8.15 Person name identifier type****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the scheme from which the value in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<PersonNameIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 101</a>
Reference name	<PersonNameIDType>
Short tag	<b390>
Example	02

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**PR.8.16 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<PersonNameIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<IDTypeName>
Short tag	<b233>
Example	

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**PR.8.17 Identifier value****NEW**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in the **<PersonNameIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

Format                      Determined by the scheme specified in **<PersonNameIDType>**

Reference name          <IDValue>

Short tag                 <b244>

Example

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**End of person name identifier composite****Name composite**

A repeatable group of data elements which together represent a personal name, and specify its type. The **<Name>** composite may be used to send alternate names for the same person, eg to handle such cases as *Ian Rankin writing as Jack Harvey*.

Reference name          <Name>

Short tag                 <name>

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**PR.8.18 Person name type**

An ONIX code indicating the type of the person name sent in an occurrence of the **<Name>** composite. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

Format                      Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list                  [List 18](#)

Reference name          <PersonNameType>

Short tag                 <b250>

Example                  01

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**Other elements in the name composite**

Within the **<Name>** composite, all of fields PR.8.5 to PR.8.17 may be used in exactly the same way as specified on preceding pages.

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**End of name composite**

**Example of the use of the <Name> composite**

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<Contributor>
  <SequenceNumber>1</SequenceNumber>
  <ContributorRole>A01</ContributorRole>          Author
  <NamesBeforeKey>Ian</NamesBeforeKey>
  <KeyNames>Rankin</KeyNames>                     Ian Rankin
  <Name>
    <PersonNameType>01</PersonNameType>          Pseudonym
    <NamesBeforeKey>Jack</NamesBeforeKey>
    <KeyNames>Harvey</KeyNames>                   Jack Harvey
  </Name>
</Contributor>

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**Person date composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify a date associated with the person identified in an occurrence of the **<Contributor>** composite, eg birth or death.

Reference name      <PersonDate>

Short tag            <persondate>

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**PR.8.19 Person date role code****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the significance of the date in relation to the contributor name. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<PersonDate>** composite.

Format              Fixed-length, three numeric digits

Code list           [List 75](#)

Reference name      <PersonDateRole>

Short tag            <b305>

Example              007    Date of birth

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**PR.8.20 Date format****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the format in which the date is given in **<Date>**. Optional and non-repeating. When omitted, the format is assumed to be YYYYMMDD.

Format              Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list           [List 55](#)

Reference name      <DateFormat>

Short tag            <j260>

Example              05

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**PR.8.21 Date****NEW**

The date specified in the **<PersonDateRole>** field. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<PersonDate>** composite.

Format	As specified by the value in <b>&lt;DateFormat&gt;</b> : default YYYYMMDD
Reference name	<b>&lt;Date&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b306&gt;</b>
Example	<i>20010106</i>

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**End of person date composite****PR.8.22 Professional position****DEPRECATED**

A professional position held by a contributor to the product at the time of its creation. Optional and non-repeating. May only occur with a person name, not with a corporate name.

**The **<ProfessionalAffiliation>** composite below provides a more general method of handling positions and affiliations, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;ProfessionalPosition&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b045&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Humboldt Professor of Oceanography</i>

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**PR.8.23 Affiliation****DEPRECATED**

An organisation to which a contributor to the product was affiliated at the time of its creation. Optional and non-repeating. May only occur with a person name, not with a corporate name.

**The **<ProfessionalAffiliation>** composite below provides a more general method of handling positions and affiliations, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;Affiliation&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b046&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Universidad de La Laguna</i>

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**Professional affiliation composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify a contributor's professional position and/or affiliation, allowing multiple positions and affiliations to be specified.

Reference name	<b>&lt;ProfessionalAffiliation&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;professionalaffiliation&gt;</b>

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**PR.8.24 Professional position****NEW**

A professional position held by a contributor to the product at the time of its creation. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<ProfessionalPosition>
Short tag	<b045>
Example	<i>Humboldt Professor of Oceanography</i>

**PR.8.25 Affiliation****NEW**

An organisation to which a contributor to the product was affiliated at the time of its creation, and – if the **<ProfessionalPosition>** element is also present – where s/he held that position. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<Affiliation>
Short tag	<b046>
Example	<i>Universidad de La Laguna</i>

**End of professional affiliation composite****PR.8.26 Corporate contributor name**

The name of a corporate body which contributed to the creation of the product, unstructured. Optional and non-repeating: see Group PR.8 introductory text for valid options.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters
Reference name	<CorporateName>
Short tag	<b047>
Example	<i>Good Housekeeping Institute</i>

**PR.8.27 Biographical note**

A biographical note about a contributor to the product. (See the **<OtherText>** composite in Group PR.15 for a biographical note covering all contributors to a product in a single text.) Optional and non-repeating. May occur with a person name or with a corporate name. A biographical note in ONIX should **always** contain the name of the person or body concerned, and it should **always** be presented as a piece of continuous text consisting of full sentences. Some recipients of ONIX data feeds will not accept text which has embedded URLs. A contributor website link can be sent using the **<Website>** composite on the next page.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 500 characters
Reference name	<BiographicalNote>
Short tag	<b044>
Example	<i>Umberto Eco, professor of semiotics at the University of Bologna, and author of "The Name Of The Rose" and "Foucault's Pendulum", is one of the world's bestselling novelists.</i>

**Website composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to the party identified in an occurrence of the **<Contributor>** composite.

Reference name      <Website>

Short tag            <website>

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**PR.8.28 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list           [List 73](#)

Reference name      <WebsiteRole>

Short tag            <b367>

Example              05

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**PR.8.29 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name      <WebsiteDescription>

Short tag            <b294>

Example

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**PR.8.30 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format              Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name      <WebsiteLink>

Short tag            <b295>

Example              <http://xyzbooks.com/ISTC123456789.htm>

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**End of website composite**



**PR.8.31 Contributor description**

Brief text describing a contributor to the product, at the publisher's discretion. Optional and non-repeating. It may be used with either a person or corporate name, to draw attention to any aspect of a contributor's background which supports the promotion of the book.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters
Reference name	<ContributorDescription>
Short tag	<b048>
Example	<i>Skipper of the winning crew in the Americas Cup, 1998</i>

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**PR.8.32 Unnamed person(s)**

An ONIX code allowing a positive indication to be given when authorship is unknown or anonymous, or when as a matter of editorial policy only a limited number of contributors are named. Optional and non-repeating: see Group PR.8 introductory text for valid options.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 19</a>
Reference name	<UnnamedPersons>
Short tag	<b249>
Example	02

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**PR.8.33 Country code****NEW**

A code identifying a country with which a contributor is particularly associated, when this is significant for the marketing of a product. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes <a href="#">List 91</a>
Reference name	<CountryCode>
Short tag	<b251>
Example	US

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**PR.8.34 Region code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying a region with which a contributor is particularly associated, when this is significant for the marketing of a product. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length code, consisting of upper case letters with or without a hyphen, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 8 characters.
Code list	<a href="#">List 49</a> Where possible and appropriate, country subdivision codes are derived from the UN LOCODE scheme based on ISO 3166.
Reference name	<RegionCode>
Short tag	<b398>
Examples	CA-BCBritish Columbia

**End of contributor composite****PR.8.35 Contributor statement**

Free text showing how the authorship should be described in an online display, when a standard concatenation of individual contributor elements would not give a satisfactory presentation. When this field is sent, the receiver should use it to replace all name detail sent in the **<Contributor>** composite for display purposes only. It does not replace the **<BiographicalNote>** element. The individual name detail must also be sent in the **<Contributor>** composite for indexing and retrieval.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 1000 characters
Reference name	<ContributorStatement>
Short tag	<b049>
Example	<i>Written and illustrated by Fred and Emily Jackson</i>

**PR.8.36 “No authorship” indicator****NEW**

An empty element that provides a positive indication that a product has no stated authorship. Intended to be used in an ONIX accreditation scheme to confirm that author information is being consistently supplied in publisher ONIX feeds. Optional and non-repeating. Must only be sent in a record that has no other elements from Group PR.8.

Format	XML empty element
Reference name	<NoContributor/>
Short tag	<n339/>
Example	<NoContributor/>

## PR.9 Conference

Data element Group PR.9 describes a conference or conferences to which the product is related. **The recommended form of description of a conference in ONIX 2.1 is the newly added <Conference> composite, which allows more than one conference to be associated with a single product. Previous methods of description remain available, for upwards compatibility.**

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### PR.9.1 Conference description

**DEPRECATED**

Free text detailing all relevant information about a conference to which the product is related. If this element is sent, no other fields from Group PR.9 must be sent. **The <Conference> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling conference detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<ConferenceDescription>
Short tag	<b050>
Example	<i>Proceedings of the 1996 International Computer Typesetting Conference</i>

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### PR.9.2 Conference role

**DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code which indicates the relationship between the product and a conference to which it is related, eg *Proceedings of / Selected papers from / Developed from*. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Conference> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling conference detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 20</a>
Reference name	<ConferenceRole>
Short tag	<b051>
Example	

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### PR.9.3 Conference name

**DEPRECATED**

The name of a conference or conference series to which the product is related. This element is mandatory unless the <ConferenceDescription> element or the <Conference> composite is used, and is non-repeating. **The <Conference> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling conference detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters.
Reference name	<ConferenceName>
Short tag	<b052>
Example	

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**PR.9.4 Conference number****DEPRECATED**

The number of a conference to which the product is related, within a conference series. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Conference> composite below provides a more general method of handling conference detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 characters
Reference name	<ConferenceNumber>
Short tag	<b053>
Example	22

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**PR.9.5 Conference date****DEPRECATED**

The date of a conference to which the product is related. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Conference> composite below provides a more general method of handling conference detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Date as year (YYYY) or month and year (YYYYMM).
Reference name	<ConferenceDate>
Short tag	<b054>
Example	1998

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**PR.9.6 Conference place****DEPRECATED**

The place of a conference to which the product is related. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Conference> composite below provides a more general method of handling conference detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<ConferencePlace>
Short tag	<b055>
Example	<i>Aix-les-Bains</i>

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**Conference composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together describe a conference to which the product is related. Repeatable if the product contains material from two or more conferences.

Reference name	<Conference>
Short tag	<conference>

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**PR.9.7 Conference role****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates the relationship between the product and a conference to which it is related, eg *Proceedings of / Selected papers from / Developed from*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list [List 20](#)

Reference name <ConferenceRole>

Short tag <b051>

Example

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**PR.9.8 Conference name****NEW**

The name of a conference or conference series to which the product is related. This element is mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Conference>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters.

Reference name <ConferenceName>

Short tag <b052>

Example

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**PR.9.9 Conference acronym****NEW**

An acronym used as a short form of the name of a conference or conference series given in the **<ConferenceName>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters

Reference name <ConferenceAcronym>

Short tag <b341>

Example

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**PR.9.10 Conference number****NEW**

The number of a conference to which the product is related, within a conference series. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 characters

Reference name <ConferenceNumber>

Short tag <b053>

Example 22

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**PR.9.11 Conference thematic title****NEW**

The thematic title of an individual conference in a series that has a series name in the **<ConferenceName>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters

Reference name **<ConferenceTheme>**

Short tag **<b342>**

Example

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**PR.9.12 Conference date****NEW**

The date of a conference to which the product is related. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Date as year (YYYY) or month and year (YYYYMM).

Reference name **<ConferenceDate>**

Short tag **<b054>**

Example 1998

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**PR.9.13 Conference place****NEW**

The place of a conference to which the product is related. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters

Reference name **<ConferencePlace>**

Short tag **<b055>**

Example *Aix-les-Bains*

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**Conference sponsor composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify a sponsor of a conference.

Reference name **<ConferenceSponsor>**

Short tag **<conferencesponsor>**

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**Conference sponsor identifier composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together carry a coded identifier for a sponsor of a conference.

Reference name **<ConferenceSponsorIdentifier>**

Short tag **<conferencesponsoridentifier>**

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**PR.9.14 Conference sponsor identifier type****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the scheme from which the value in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ConferenceSponsorIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 44</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;ConferenceSponsorIDType&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b391&gt;</b>
Example	02

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**PR.9.15 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<ConferenceSponsorIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;IDTypeName&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b233&gt;</b>
Example	

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**PR.9.16 Identifier value****NEW**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in the **<ConferenceSponsorIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Determined by the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ConferenceSponsorIDType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<b>&lt;IDValue&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b244&gt;</b>
Example	

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**End of conference sponsor identifier composite****PR.9.17 Person name****NEW**

The name of a person, used here for a personal sponsor of a conference.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;PersonName&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b036&gt;</b>
Example	<i>James J. Johnson III</i>

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**PR.9.18 Corporate name****NEW**

The name of a corporate body, used here for a corporate sponsor of a conference.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters
Reference name	<CorporateName>
Short tag	<b047>
Example	<i>Johnson &amp; Johnson</i>

**End of conference sponsor composite****Website composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to the conference identified in an occurrence of the **<Conference>** composite.

Reference name	<Website>
Short tag	<website>

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**PR.9.19 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 73</a>
Reference name	<WebsiteRole>
Short tag	<b367>
Example	<i>05</i>

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**PR.9.20 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see <i>ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification</i> , Section 7)
Reference name	<WebsiteDescription>
Short tag	<b294>
Example	

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**PR.9.21 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name <WebsiteLink>

Short tag <b295>

Example <http://xyzbooks.com>

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**End of website composite****End of conference composite**

## PR.10 Edition

Data element Group PR.10 describes an edition of a work which is manifested in the product. Its use should generally be limited to describing an edition whose *content* is materially different from that of other editions of the same work. However, it may sometimes be used to specify a feature of a published product (eg “bilingual edition”) without necessarily implying that another, different, edition also exists.

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### PR.10.1 Edition type code

An ONIX code, indicating the type of a version or edition. Optional, and repeatable if the product has characteristics of two or more types (eg revised and annotated).

Format	Fixed-length, three upper-case letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 21</a>
Reference name	<EditionTypeCode>
Short tag	<b056>
Example	<i>ILL</i>

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### PR.10.2 Edition number

The number of a numbered edition. Optional and non-repeating. Normally sent only for the second and subsequent editions of a work, but by agreement between parties to an ONIX exchange a first edition may be explicitly numbered.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 digits.
Reference name	<EditionNumber>
Short tag	<b057>
Example	3

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### PR.10.3 Edition version number

The number of a numbered revision within an edition number. To be used only where a publisher uses such two-level numbering to indicate revisions which do not constitute a new edition under a new ISBN or other distinctive product identifier. Optional and non-repeating. If this field is used, an **<EditionNumber>** must also be present.

Format	Free form, suggested maximum length 20 characters.
Reference name	<EditionVersionNumber>
Short tag	<b217>
Example	2

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**PR.10.4 Edition statement**

A short free-text description of a version or edition. Optional and non-repeating. When used, the **<EditionStatement>** must carry a complete description of the nature of the edition, ie it should not be treated as merely supplementary to an **<EditionTypeCode>** or an **<EditionNumber>**. The **<EditionStatement>** should be strictly limited to describing features of the content of the edition, and should *not* include aspects such as rights or market restrictions which are properly covered elsewhere in the ONIX record.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Reference name **<EditionStatement>**

Short tag **<b058>**

Example *3rd edition, revised with an introduction and notes*

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**PR.10.5 “No edition” indicator****NEW**

An empty element that provides a positive indication that a product does not carry any edition information. Intended to be used an ONIX accreditation scheme to confirm that edition information is being consistently supplied in publisher ONIX feeds. Optional and non-repeating. Must only be sent in a record that has no instances of any of the four preceding Edition elements.

Format XML empty element

Reference name **<NoEdition/>**

Short tag **<n386/>**

Example **<NoEdition/>**

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**Religious text composite****NEW**

An optional, non-repeating, group of data elements which together describe features of the content of an edition of a religious text, and intended to meet the special needs of religious publishers and booksellers. The **<ReligiousText>** composite may carry either a **<Bible>** composite or a **<ReligiousTextID>** element accompanied by multiple repeats of the **<ReligiousTextFeature>** composite. This approach is adopted to enable other devotional texts to be included if need arises without requiring a new ONIX release.

Reference name      <ReligiousText>

Short tag            <religioustext>

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**Bible composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together describe features of an edition of the Bible or of a selected Biblical text. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ReligiousText>** composite that does *not* include a **<ReligiousTextID>** element, and non-repeating.

Reference name      <Bible>

Short tag            <bible>

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**PR.10.6 Bible contents****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the content of an edition of the Bible or selected Biblical text, for example *New Testament*, *Apocrypha*, *Pentateuch*. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Bible>** composite, and repeatable so that a list such as *Old Testament* and *Apocrypha* can be expressed.

Format               Fixed-length, two letters

Code list            [List 82](#)

Reference name      <BibleContents>

Short tag            <b352>

Example             OT    Old Testament

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**PR.10.7 Bible version****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the version of a Bible or selected Biblical text, for example *King James*, *Jerusalem*, *New American Standard*, *Reina Valera*. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Bible>** composite, and repeatable if a work includes text in two or more versions.

Format               Fixed-length, three letters

Code list            [List 83](#)

Reference name      <BibleVersion>

Short tag            <b353>

Example             JER   Jerusalem

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**PR.10.8 Study Bible type****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying a particular study version of a Bible or selected Biblical text, for example *Life Application*. Optional and non-repeating. Some study Bibles are available in different editions based on different text versions.

Format	Fixed-length, three letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 84</a>
Reference name	<StudyBibleType>
Short tag	<b389>
Example	OXF Oxford Annotated

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**PR.10.9 Bible purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the purpose for which a Bible or selected Biblical text is intended, for example *Family*, *Lectern/pulpit*. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 85</a>
Reference name	<BiblePurpose>
Short tag	<b354>
Example	LP Lectern/pulpit

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**PR.10.10 Bible text organization****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the way in which the content of a Bible or selected Biblical text is organized, for example *Chronological*, *Chain reference*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, three letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 86</a>
Reference name	<BibleTextOrganization>
Short tag	<b355>
Example	CHA Chain reference

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**PR.10.11 Bible reference location****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating where references are located as part of the content of a Bible or selected Biblical text, for example *Center column*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, three letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 87</a>
Reference name	<BibleReferenceLocation>
Short tag	<b356>
Example	CCL Center column

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**PR.10.12 Bible text feature****NEW**

An ONIX code specifying a feature of a Bible text not covered elsewhere, eg *red letter*. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 97</a>
Reference name	<BibleTextFeature>
Short tag	<b357>
Example	<i>RL</i> Red letter

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**End of Bible composite****PR.10.13 Religious text identifier****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating a religious text other than the Bible. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ReligiousText>** composite that does *not* include a **<Bible>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 88</a>
Reference name	<ReligiousTextID>
Short tag	<b376>
Example	

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**Religious text feature composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify and describe a feature of a religious text.

Reference name	<ReligiousTextFeature>
Short tag	<religioustextfeature>

---

**PR.10.14 Religious text feature type****NEW**

An ONIX code specifying a feature described in the associated **<ReligiousTextFeatureCode>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ReligiousTextFeature>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, to be confirmed
Code list	<a href="#">List 89</a>
Reference name	<ReligiousTextFeatureType>
Short tag	<b358>
Example	

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**PR.10.15 Religious text feature code****NEW**

An ONIX code describing a feature specified in the associated **<ReligiousTextFeatureType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ReligiousTextFeature>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, to be confirmed

Code list [List 90](#)

Reference name <ReligiousTextFeatureCode>

Short tag <b359>

Example

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**PR.10.16 Religious text feature description****NEW**

Free text describing a feature that is not adequately defined by code values alone. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 100 characters

Reference name <ReligiousTextFeatureDescription>

Short tag <b360>

Example

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**End of religious text feature composite****End of religious text composite**

## PR.11 Language

These elements specify the language(s) of the text of a product and/or of the original work of which it is a translation. Group PR.11 is not mandatory. A default language of text can be declared in an ONIX message header – see field MH.20 in the *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification* document.

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### PR.11.1 Language of text

**DEPRECATED**

A code indicating a language in which the text of the product is written: optional, and repeatable if the text is in two or more languages. **The <Language> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling language detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, three lower-case letters. Note that ISO 639 specifies that these codes should always be in lower-case.
Code list	ISO 639-2/B <a href="#">List 74</a>
Reference name	<LanguageOfText>
Short tag	<b059>
Example	<i>eng</i>

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### PR.11.2 Original language of a translated work

**DEPRECATED**

A code indicating the language from which the text of the product was translated. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Language> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling language detail, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, three lower-case letters.
Code list	ISO 639-2/B <a href="#">List 74</a>
Reference name	<OriginalLanguage>
Short tag	<b060>
Example	<i>spa</i>

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## Language composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together represent a language, and specify its role and, where required, whether it is a country variant.

Reference name <Language>

Short tag <language>

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### PR.11.3 Language role

An ONIX code indicating the “role” of a language in the context of the ONIX record. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Language>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list [List 22](#)

Reference name <LanguageRole>

Short tag <b253>

Example 01

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### PR.11.4 Language code

An ISO code indicating a language. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Language>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, three lower-case letters. Note that ISO 639 specifies that these codes should always be in lower-case.

Code list ISO 639-2/B [List 74](#)

Reference name <LanguageCode>

Short tag <b252>

Example eng

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### PR.11.5 Country code

A code identifying the country when this specifies a variant of the language, eg US English. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two letters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]

Code list ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes [List 91](#)

Reference name <CountryCode>

Short tag <b251>

Example US

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## End of language composite

## PR.12 Extents and other content

These elements provide additional detail which is applicable only to specific media (printed books or similar text matter, and maps). Because of this, they cannot be defined as mandatory in the XML DTD, but in some cases they should be regarded as required for the media to which they apply.

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### PR.12.1 Approximate number of pages

An indication of the total number of pages in a book or other printed product. This is not intended to represent a precise count of numbered and unnumbered pages. It is usually sufficient to take the number from the last numbered page. If there are two or more separate numbering sequences (eg *xviii* + 344), the numbers in each sequence may be added together to make an overall total (in this case 362), but do not count unnumbered pages except if the book does not have numbered pages at all.

For multi-volume books, enter the total for all the volumes combined.

This field is optional, but it is normally required for a printed book unless the **<PagesRoman>** and **<PagesArabic>** elements are used, and is non-repeating.

Format	Variable length integer, suggested maximum length 6 digits.
Reference name	<b>&lt;NumberOfPages&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b061&gt;</b>
Example	442

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### PR.12.2 Number of pages, roman

The number of pages numbered in roman numerals. The **<PagesRoman>** and **<PagesArabic>** elements together represent an alternative to **<NumberOfPages>** where there is a requirement to specify these numbering sequences separately. For most ONIX applications, however, **<NumberOfPages>** will be preferred. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable length alphabetic, suggested maximum length 10 characters.
Reference name	<b>&lt;PagesRoman&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b254&gt;</b>
Example	<i>xxiii</i>

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### PR.12.3 Number of pages, Arabic

The number of pages numbered in Arabic numerals. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable length numeric, suggested maximum length 6 characters.
Reference name	<b>&lt;PagesArabic&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b255&gt;</b>
Example	442

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## Extent composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe an extent pertaining to the product.

Reference name      <Extent>

Short tag            <extent>

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### PR.12.4 Extent type code

An ONIX code which identifies the type of extent carried in the composite, eg running time for an audio or video product. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Extent>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list            [List 23](#)

Reference name      <ExtentType>

Short tag            <b218>

Example              09      Duration (running time)

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### PR.12.5 Extent value

The numeric value of the extent specified in **<ExtentType>**. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Extent>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Numeric, with decimal point where required, as specified in field PR.12.4

Reference name      <ExtentValue>

Short tag            <b219>

Example              2.5

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### PR.12.6 Extent unit

An ONIX code indicating the unit used for the **<ExtentValue>** and the format in which the value is presented. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Extent>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list            [List 24](#)

Reference name      <ExtentUnit>

Short tag            <b220>

Example              04      Hours as integer and decimals

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## End of extent composite

### Example of the use of the <Extent> composite

```
<Extent>
  <ExtentType>22</ExtentType>      File size
  <ExtentValue>12.5</ExtentValue>
  <ExtentUnit>19</ExtentUnit>      Megabytes
</Extent>
```

### PR.12.7 Number of illustrations

The total number of illustrations in a book or other printed product. The more informative free text field **<IllustrationsNote>** or the **<Illustrations>** composite are preferred, but where the sender of the product information maintains only a simple numeric field, the **<NumberOfIllustrations>** element may be used. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable length integer, suggested maximum length 6 digits.
Reference name	<NumberOfIllustrations>
Short tag	<b125>
Example	64

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### PR.12.8 Illustrations and other contents note

For books or other text media only, this data element carries text stating the number and type of illustrations. The text may also include other content items, eg maps, bibliography, tables, index etc. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters.
Reference name	<IllustrationsNote>
Short tag	<b062>
Example	500 illustrations, 210 in full color

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### Illustrations and other content composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify the number of illustrations or other content items of a stated type which the product carries. Use of the **<Illustrations>** composite is optional.

Reference name	<Illustrations>
Short tag	<illustrations>

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### PR.12.9 Illustration or other content type code

An ONIX code which identifies the type of illustration or other content to which an occurrence of the composite refers. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Illustrations>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 25</a>
Reference name	<IllustrationType>
Short tag	<b256>
Example	09

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**PR.12.10 Illustration or other content type description****NEW**

Text describing the type of illustration or other content to which an occurrence of the composite refers, when a code is insufficient. Optional and non-repeating. Required when **<IllustrationType>** carries the value 00.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Reference name <IllustrationTypeDescription>

Short tag <b361>

Example

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**PR.12.11 Number of illustrations**

The number of illustrations or other content items of the type specified in **<IllustrationType>**. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 6 digits.

Reference name <Number>

Short tag <b257>

Example 12

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**End of illustrations and other content composite****PR.12.12 Map scale**

The scale of a map, expressed as a ratio 1:nnnnn; only the number nnnnn is carried in the data element, without spaces or punctuation. Optional, and repeatable if the product comprises maps with two or more different scales.

Format Variable length integer, suggested maximum length 6 digits.

Reference name <MapScale>

Short tag <b063>

Example 50000

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## PR.13 Subject

Elements PR.13.1 to PR.13.4 are not repeatable. PR.13.1 and PR.13.2 allow a BISAC subject code to be sent as “main subject”. PR.13.3 and PR.13.4 allow a BIC subject code to be sent as “main subject”. The **<MainSubject>** composite allows other schemes recognized as book trade standards in other countries or regions, to be used.

While the XML DTD will allow an ONIX record to be sent without subject elements, it is emphasized that all ONIX descriptions *should* carry at least a main subject. US users are reminded that most US retailers and wholesalers require a BISAC subject heading in order to load a record into their files; and for UK users a BIC subject heading is mandatory in order to meet BIC Basic criteria.

Elements PR.13.9 to PR.13.13 form an additional **<Subject>** composite, which may use any of a number of subject schemes, and which is repeatable. The remaining elements in group 12 are for subject indicators which are not taken from controlled schemes. All should be repeatable.

### PR.13.1 BISAC main subject category

A BISAC subject category code which identifies the main subject of the product. Optional and non-repeating. Additional BISAC subject category codes may be sent using the **<Subject>** composite. *Note that the data element reference name was assigned during a period when the BISAC name had been changed to “BASIC”. The name has now officially reverted to “BISAC”, but the ONIX data element name cannot be changed for reasons of upwards compatibility.*

Format	Fixed-length, three upper-case letters and six numeric digits.
Code list	BISAC Subject Heading Codes Please contact <a href="mailto:info@bisg.org">info@bisg.org</a> for details, or check the BISG website at <a href="http://www.bisg.org/publications.html">http://www.bisg.org/publications.html</a>
Reference name	<BASICMainSubject>
Short tag	<b064>
Example	ARC007000

### PR.13.2 BISAC subject category version number

A number identifying the version of the BISAC subject categories used in **<BASICMainSubject>**. Optional and non-repeating, and may only occur when **<BASICMainSubject>** is also present.

Format	Free form – in practise expected to be an integer or a decimal number such as “2.01”. Suggested maximum length 10 characters, for consistency with other version number elements.
Reference name	<BASICVersion>
Short tag	<b200>
Example	2.01

### PR.13.3 BIC main subject category

A BIC subject category code which identifies the main subject of the product. Optional and non-repeating. Additional BIC subject category codes may be sent using the **<Subject>** composite.

Format	Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 10 characters to allow for expansion.
Code list	BIC Subject Category Codes Available for downloading from <a href="http://www.bic.org.uk/">http://www.bic.org.uk/</a>
Reference name	<BICMainSubject>
Short tag	<b065>
Example	WDMG1

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### PR.13.4 BIC subject category version number

A number identifying the version of the BIC subject category scheme used in **<BICMainSubject>**. Optional and non-repeating, and may only occur when **<BICMainSubject>** is also present.

Format	Free form – in practise expected to be an integer. Suggested maximum length 10 characters, for consistency with other version number elements.
Reference name	<BICVersion>
Short tag	<b066>
Example	1

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### Main subject composite

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together describe a main subject classification or subject heading which is taken from a recognized scheme other than BISAC or BIC.

Reference name	<MainSubject>
Short tag	<mainsubject>

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### PR.13.5 Main subject scheme identifier

An ONIX code which identifies a subject scheme which is designated for use in a **<MainSubject>** composite. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

When the scheme listed in the code list display is annotated "Code", use the associated **<SubjectCode>** element to carry the value (if so required, the **<SubjectHeadingText>** element can be used simultaneously to carry the text equivalent of the code). When the scheme is annotated "Text", use the **<SubjectHeadingText>** element to carry the text of the subject heading.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 26</a>
Reference name	<MainSubjectSchemeIdentifier>
Short tag	<b191>
Example	25

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**PR.13.6 Subject scheme version number**

A number which identifies a version or edition of the subject scheme specified in the associated **<MainSubjectSchemeIdentifier>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free form. Suggested maximum length 10 characters, for consistency with other version number elements.
Reference name	<SubjectSchemeVersion>
Short tag	<b068>
Example	21

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**PR.13.7 Subject code**

A subject class or category code from the scheme specified in the **<MainSubjectSchemeIdentifier>** element. Either **<SubjectCode>** or **<SubjectHeadingText>** or both must be present in each occurrence of the **<MainSubject>** composite. Non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length, alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters.
Code list	The scheme specified in <b>&lt;MainSubjectSchemeIdentifier&gt;</b>
Reference name	<SubjectCode>
Short tag	<b069>
Example	623.95

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**PR.13.8 Subject heading text**

The text of a heading taken from the scheme specified in the **<MainSubjectSchemeIdentifier>** element; or the text equivalent to the **<SubjectCode>** value, if both code and text are sent. Either **<SubjectCode>** or **<SubjectHeadingText>** or both must be present in each occurrence of the **<MainSubject>** composite. Non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<SubjectHeadingText>
Short tag	<b070>
Example	<i>Labor and industrial relations</i>

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**End of main subject composite**



## Additional subject composite

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together describe a subject classification or subject heading which is additional to the BISAC, BIC or other main subject category.

Reference name      <Subject>

Short tag            <subject>

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### PR.13.9 Subject scheme identifier

An ONIX code which identifies the subject scheme which is used in an occurrence of the <Subject> composite. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

When the scheme listed in the code list display is annotated "Code", use the associated <SubjectCode> element to carry the value (if so required, the <SubjectHeadingText> element can be used simultaneously to carry the text equivalent of the code). When the scheme is annotated "Text", use the <SubjectHeadingText> element to carry the text of the subject heading.

Scheme code 23 may be used for a publisher's own subject category code, by agreement with trading partners to whom product information is sent. Scheme code 24, with a name in the <SubjectSchemeName> element, may be used to identify a proprietary scheme, eg one used by a bibliographic agency or wholesaler.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list            [List 27](#)

Reference name      <SubjectSchemeIdentifier>

Short tag            <b067>

Example              03

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### PR.13.10 Proprietary subject scheme name

A name identifying a proprietary subject scheme when <SubjectSchemeIdentifier> is coded "24". Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Reference name      <SubjectSchemeName>

Short tag            <b171>

Example              *BonnierSH*

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### PR.13.11 Subject scheme version number

A number which identifies a version or edition of the subject scheme specified in the associated <SubjectSchemeIdentifier> element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Free form. Suggested maximum length 10 characters, for consistency with other version number elements.

Reference name      <SubjectSchemeVersion>

Short tag            <b068>

Example              21

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**PR.13.12 Subject code**

A subject class or category code from the scheme specified in the **<SubjectSchemeIdentifier>** element. Either **<SubjectCode>** or **<SubjectHeadingText>** or both must be present in each occurrence of the **<Subject>** composite. Non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length, alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters.
Code list	The scheme specified in the associated <b>&lt;SubjectSchemeIdentifier&gt;</b> element.
Reference name	<b>&lt;SubjectCode&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b069&gt;</b>
Example	623.95

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**PR.13.13 Subject heading text**

The text of a subject heading taken from the scheme specified in the **<SubjectSchemeIdentifier>** element, or of free language keywords if the scheme is specified as “keywords”; or the text equivalent to the **<SubjectCode>** value, if both code and text are sent. Either **<SubjectCode>** or **<SubjectHeadingText>** or both must be present in each occurrence of the **<Subject>** composite. Non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<b>&lt;SubjectHeadingText&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b070&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Labor and industrial relations</i>

---

**End of additional subject composite****Person as subject composite**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together represent the name of a person who is part of the subject of a product.

Reference name	<b>&lt;PersonAsSubject&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;personassubject&gt;</b>

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Within the **<PersonAsSubject>** composite, elements defined for person names as contributors may be used as follows.

**PR.8.5 Person name**, for an unstructured name in normal order, eg *John F. Kennedy*

**PR.8.6 Person name, inverted**, for an unstructured name in inverted order, eg *Kennedy, John F.*

**PR.8.7 to PR.8.14 Person name parts 1 to 8**, for a fully structured name.

**<PersonNameIdentifier> composite, PR.8.15 to PR.8.17**, for a coded name identifier. **NEW**

A valid occurrence of the **<PersonAsSubject>** composite should carry one or more of these forms. Any combination is permitted, provided that only the **<PersonNameIdentifier>** composite is repeatable, in the unlikely event that more than one coded identifier is given for the same person.

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**End of person as subject composite**

**PR.13.14 Corporate body as subject**

The name of a corporate body which is part of the subject of the product. Optional, and repeatable if more than one corporate body is involved.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters.

Reference name <CorporateBodyAsSubject>

Short tag <b071>

Example *Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra*

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**PR.13.15 Place as subject**

The name of a place or region or geographical entity which is part of the subject of the product. Optional, and repeatable if the subject of the product includes more than one place.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 100 characters.

Reference name <PlaceAsSubject>

Short tag <b072>

Example *Indian Ocean*

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## PR.14 Audience

Data element Group PR.14 covers a range of methods of indicating the intended audience for a product. None is defined as mandatory in the XML DTD.

Note that UK educational levels are covered in the BIC educational purpose qualifier, part of the BIC Subject Categories scheme (see the **<Subject>** composite in Group PR.13).

### PR.14.1 Audience code

An ONIX code, derived from BISAC and BIC lists, which identifies the broad audience or readership for whom a product is intended. Optional, and repeatable if the product is intended for two or more groups.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 28</a>
Reference name	<AudienceCode>
Short tag	<b073>
Example	04

### Audience composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe an audience to which the product is directed.

Reference name	<Audience>
Short tag	<audience>

### PR.14.2 Audience code type

An ONIX code which identifies the scheme from which the code in **<AudienceCodeValue>** is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Audience>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 29</a>
Reference name	<AudienceCodeType>
Short tag	<b204>
Example	02

### PR.14.3 Audience code type name

A name which identifies a proprietary audience code when the code in **<AudienceCodeType>** indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a vendor's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<AudienceCodeTypeName>
Short tag	<b205>
Example	

**PR.14.4 Audience code value**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in **<AudienceCodeType>**. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Audience>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Determined by the scheme specified in **<AudienceCodeType>**.

Reference name **<AudienceCodeValue>**

Short tag **<b206>**

Example

**End of audience composite****PR.14.5 US school grades****DEPRECATED**

A text element specifying a US school Grade or range of Grades, which should be entered strictly according to the conventions defined below. Optional and non-repeating. **The <AudienceRange> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling grade and other ranges, and is to be preferred.**

Format Variable length text, maximum 15 characters.

Reference name **<USSchoolGrade>**

**Permitted forms**

from *n1* to *n2* Grade range from *n1* to *n2*

from *n* From Grade *n* upwards

to *n* Up to Grade *n*

*n* Grade *n* only

where *n* is a grade number or one of the words *pre-school* or *kindergarten*, which may be abbreviated to letters *P* or *K*

Short tag **<b189>**

Examples *from 6 to 8*  
*P*

**PR.14.6 Interest age(s)****DEPRECATED**

A text element specifying a target interest age of range of ages. which should be entered strictly according to the conventions defined below. Optional and non-repeating. **The <AudienceRange> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling interest age and other ranges, and is to be preferred.**

Format Variable length text, maximum 15 characters.

Reference name **<InterestAge>**

**Permitted forms**

from *n1* to *n2* Age range from *n1* to *n2*

from *n* From age *n* upwards

to *n* Up to age *n*

*n* Age *n* only

where *n* is an integer representing age in years

Short tag **<b190>**

Example *from 9 to 12*

## Audience range composite

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together describe an audience or readership range for which a product is intended. The composite can carry a single value *from*, *to*, or *exact*, or a pair of values with an explicit *from* and *to*. See examples below.

Reference name <AudienceRange>

Short tag <audiencerange>

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### PR.14.7 Audience range qualifier

An ONIX code specifying the attribute (age, school grade etc) which is measured by the value in the <AudienceRangeValue> element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <AudienceRange> composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 30](#)

Reference name <AudienceRangeQualifier>

Short tag <b074>

Example 11

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### PR.14.8 Audience range precision (1)

An ONIX code specifying the “precision” of the value in the <AudienceRangeValue> element which follows (*From*, *To*, *Exact*). Mandatory in each occurrence of the <AudienceRange> composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 31](#)

Reference name <AudienceRangePrecision>

Short tag <b075>

Example 03

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### PR.14.9 Audience range value (1)

A value indicating an exact position within a range, or the upper or lower end of a range.

Format Variable-length string, suggested maximum 10 characters. (This element was previously defined as a variable-length integer, but its definition is extended in ONIX 2.1 to enable certain non-numeric values to be carried. For values that BISAC has defined for US school grades and pre-school levels, see [List 77](#).)

Reference name <AudienceRangeValue>

Short tag <b076>

Example 10

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**PR.14.10 Audience range precision (2)**

An ONIX code specifying the “precision” of the value in **<AudienceRangeValue>** element which follows. Optional and non-repeating. This second occurrence of the two elements **<AudienceRangePrecision>** and **<AudienceRangeValue>** is required only when a “From ... to ...” range is specified.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 31</a> The only value which is valid in this element is <i>04</i> (“To”)
Reference name	<b>&lt;AudienceRangePrecision&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b075&gt;</b>
Example	<i>04</i>

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**PR.14.11 Audience range value (2)**

A value indicating the upper end of a range.

Format	Variable-length string, suggested maximum 10 characters. (This element was previously defined as a variable-length integer, but its definition is extended in ONIX 2.1 to enable certain non-numeric values to be carried. For values that BISAC has defined for US school grades and pre-school levels, see <a href="#">List 77</a> .)
Reference name	<b>&lt;AudienceRangeValue&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b076&gt;</b>
Example	<i>10</i>

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**End of audience range composite****Examples of the use of the audience range composite**

```
<audiencerange>      US school grade up to 4
<b074>11</b074>
<b075>04</b075>
<b076>4</b076>
</audiencerange>
```

```
<audiencerange>      US school grade from 9 to 12
<b074>11</b074>
<b075>03</b075>
<b076>9</b076>
<b075>04</b075>
<b076>12</b076>
</audiencerange>
```

**PR.14.12 Audience description**

Free text describing the audience for which a product is intended. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 1000 characters.

Reference name <AudienceDescription>

Short tag <b207>

Example

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**Complexity composite**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together describe the level of complexity of a text.

Reference name <Complexity>

Short tag <complexity>

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**PR.14.13 Complexity scheme identifier**

A n ONIX code specifying the scheme from which the value in **<ComplexityCode>** is taken.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 32](#)

Reference name <ComplexitySchemeIdentifier>

Short tag <b077>

Example

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**PR.14.14 Complexity code**

A code specifying the level of complexity of a text.

Format Variable-length, alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters.

Code list The scheme specified in the **<ComplexitySchemeIdentifier>** element

Reference name <ComplexityCode>

Short tag <b078>

Example

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**End of complexity composite**



## PR.15 Descriptions and other supporting text

Group PR.15 is optional. It includes the **<OtherText>** composite, which is the preferred method of sending text describing a product; and three individual elements, each of which can also be carried as an instance of the composite, and which are retained for reasons of upwards compatibility only.

### PR.15.1 Annotation

**DEPRECATED**

A brief descriptive paragraph about the product, length strictly limited to 350 characters. Optional and non-repeating. **The <OtherText> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling annotations, and is to be preferred.**

The **<Annotation>** element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*.

Format Variable-length text, maximum 350 characters

Reference name <Annotation>

Short tag <d100>

Example *Set on the Greek island of Cephallonia during World War II, this is the story of a beautiful young woman and her two suitors: a gentle fisherman turned ruthless guerrilla, and the charming mandolin-playing head of the Italian garrison on the island.*

### PR.15.2 Main description

**DEPRECATED**

Descriptive text about the product, audience unspecified. Optional and non-repeating.

**The <OtherText> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling descriptions, and is to be preferred.**

The **<MainDescription>** element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 2,000 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name <MainDescription>

Short tag <d101>

Example *This volume tells the story of Europe, East and West, from prehistory to the present day. It lays down the chronological and geographical grid on which the dramas of European history have been played out. It zooms in from the distant focus of Chapter One, which explores the first five million years of the continent's evolution, to the close focus of the last two chapters, which cover the 20th century at roughly one page per year. Alongside Europe's better-known stories – human, national and continental – it brings into focus areas often ignored or misunderstood, remembering the stateless nation as well as the nation-state. Minority communities, from heretics and lepers to Jews, Romanies and Muslims have not been forgotten. This history reveals not only the rich variety of Europe's past but also the many and rewarding prisms through which it can be viewed. Each chapter contains a selection of telephoto "capsules", illustrating narrower themes and topics that cut across the chronological flow. It then concludes with a wide-angle "snapshot" of the whole continent as seen from one particular vantage point.*

## Other text composite

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify and either include, or provide pointers to, text related to the product.

Reference name     <OtherText>  
Short tag            <othertext>

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### PR.15.3 Other text type code

An ONIX code which identifies the type of text which is sent in the <Text> element, or referenced in the <TextLink> element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <OtherText> composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, two characters (initially allocated as 01, 02 etc)  
Code list             [List 33](#)  
Reference name     <TextTypeCode>  
Short tag            <d102>  
Example              33

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### PR.15.4 Other text format

An ONIX code which identifies the format of text which is sent in the <Text> element, or referenced in the <TextLink> element. Optional and non-repeating. **It is now possible to use a “textformat” attribute in the <Text> element for this purpose, and this is the recommended practise when the text is sent in the ONIX record. The <TextFormat> element may still be used when the text is held outside the ONIX record, and referenced by the <TextLink> element.**

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits  
Code list             [List 34](#)  
Reference name     <TextFormat>  
Short tag            <d103>  
Example              02

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### PR.15.5 Other text

The text specified in the <TextTypeCode> element, if it is suitable to be sent in full as part of the ONIX record. Either the <Text> element or both of the <TextLinkType> and <TextLink> elements must be present in any occurrence of the <OtherText> composite. Non-repeating.

The <Text> element may carry any of the following ONIX attributes: *textformat*, *language*, *transliteration*, *textcase*.

Format                Variable length text (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)  
Reference name     <Text>  
Short tag            <d104>  
Example              *Introduction: aesthetics and modernity; aesthetics and post-modernity. Part 1  
Modern philosophy and the emergence of aesthetic theory – Kant: self-consciousness, knowledge and freedom; the unity of the subject; the unification of nature; the purpose of beauty; the limits of beauty. Part 2*

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*German idealism and early German Romanticism: the “new mythology”; the romantic “new mythology”. Part 3 Reflections on the subject – Fichte, Holderlin and Novalis. Part 4 Schelling – art as the “organ of philosophy”: the development of consciousness; the structure of the “system of transcendental idealism”; the aesthetic absolute; mythology, art and language; mythology, language and being. Part 5 Hegel – the beginning of aesthetic theory and the end of art: the reflexive absolute; music and the idea; language, consciousness and being; the idea as sensuous appearance; the prose of the modern world; aesthetics and non-identity. Part 6 Schleiermacher – aesthetics and hermeneutics: individuality; immediate self-consciousness; art as free production; interpretation as art; literature and the “musical”. Part 7 Music, language and literature: language and music; Hegel and music – the sayable and the unsayable; the presence of music; infinite reflection and music. Part 8 Nietzsche – the divorce of art and reason: Schopenhauer – the world as embodied music; Marx, myth and art; art, myth and music in “The Birth of Tragedy”; myth, music and language; the illusion of truth; music and metaphysics; aesthetics, interpretation and subjectivity. Appendix: the so-called “oldest system-programme of German idealism” (1796).*

### PR.15.6 Other text link type

An ONIX code which identifies the type of link which is given in the **<TextLink>** element.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 35</a>
Reference name	<TextLinkType>
Short tag	<d105>
Example	05

### PR.15.7 Other text link

A link to the text item specified in the **<TextTypeCode>** element, using the link type specified in **<TextLinkType>**.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<TextLink>
Short tag	<d106>
Example	

### PR.15.8 Author of other text

The name of the author of text sent in the **<Text>** element, or referenced in the **<TextLink>** element, eg if it is a review or promotional quote.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<TextAuthor>
Short tag	<d107>
Example	<i>Martin Amis</i>

**PR.15.9 Corporate source of other text****NEW**

The name of a company or corporate body responsible for the text sent in the **<Text>** element, or referenced in the **<TextLink>** element, eg if it is part of a Reading Group Guide. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters
Reference name	<TextSourceCorporate>
Short tag	<b374>
Example	<i>Random House</i>

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**PR.15.10 Title of source of other text**

The title of a publication from which the text sent in the **<Text>** element, or referenced in the **<TextLink>** element, was taken, eg if it is a review quote. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<TextSourceTitle>
Short tag	<d108>
Example	<i>New York Times</i>

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**PR.15.11 Publication date of other text**

The date on which text sent in the **<Text>** element, or referenced in the **<TextLink>** element, was published. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Date as four, six or eight digits (YYYY, YYYYMM, YYYYMMDD)
Reference name	<TextPublicationDate>
Short tag	<d109>
Example	<i>20000504</i>

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**PR.15.12 Text valid from date****NEW**

The date from which text sent in the **<Text>** element, or referenced in the **<TextLink>** element, is intended to be used, eg for date-limited promotions. Optional and non-repeating, but either both or neither of **<StartDate>** and **<EndDate>** must be present.

Format	Fixed-length, 8 numeric digits, YYYYMMDD
Reference name	<StartDate>
Short tag	<b324>
Example	<i>20030504</i>

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**PR.15.13 Text valid until date****NEW**

The date until which text sent in the **<Text>** element, or referenced in the **<TextLink>** element, is intended to be used, eg for date-limited promotions. Optional and non-repeating, but either both or neither of **<StartDate>** and **<EndDate>** must be present.

Format	Fixed-length, 8 numeric digits, YYYYMMDD
Reference name	<EndDate>
Short tag	<b325>
Example	20030704

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**End of other text composite****PR.15.14 Review quote (complete)****DEPRECATED**

A free text excerpt from a review. Optional and repeatable. At the end of the text of the quote, the authorship, source title, and date (if known) should always be included.

**The <OtherText> composite on preceding pages provides a more general method of handling review quotes, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 500 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see <i>ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification</i> , Section 7)
Reference name	<ReviewQuote>
Short tag	<e110>
Example	<i>Norman Schur is without doubt the outstanding authority on the similarities and differences between British and American English. BRITISH ENGLISH, A TO ZED attests not only to his expertise, but also to his undiminished powers to inform, amuse and entertain. – Laurence Urdang, Editor, VERBATIM, The Language Quarterly, Spring 1992</i>

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## PR.16 Links to image/audio/video files

Group PR.16 is optional. It includes the **<MediaFile>** composite, which is the preferred method of sending a link to an image or audiovisual file; and three individual elements, each of which can also be carried in an instance of the composite, and which are retained for reasons of upwards compatibility only. It also includes provision for a link to a product-specific website.

### PR.16.1 Front cover image file format code

**DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code which specifies the image file format used for the front cover image. JPEG, GIF and TIF are supported. The data element group consisting of **<CoverImageFormatCode>**, **<CoverImageLinkTypeCode>**, and **<CoverImageLink>** is optional and non-repeating, but if any one of the three elements is present, all three must be present.

**The <MediaFile> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling cover images, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 36</a>
Reference name	<CoverImageFormatCode>
Short tag	<f111>
Example	03

### PR.16.2 Front cover image file link type code

**DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code which identifies the type of link which is given in **<CoverImageLink>**.

**The <MediaFile> composite on the next page provides a more general method of handling cover images, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 37</a>
Reference name	<CoverImageLinkTypeCode>
Short tag	<f112>
Example	05

### PR.16.3 Front cover image file link

**DEPRECATED**

A link to a front cover image file, using the link type specified in **<CoverImageLinkTypeCode>**.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<CoverImageLink>
Short tag	<f113>
Example	

## Image/audio/video file link composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to, an image, audio or video file related to the product.

Reference name	<MediaFile>
Short tag	<mediafile>

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### PR.16.4 Image/audio/video file type code

An ONIX code which identifies the type of image/audio/video file which is linked by the **<MediaFileLink>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<MediaFile>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two characters (initially allocated as 01, 02 etc)
Code list	<a href="#">List 38</a>
Reference name	<MediaFileTypeCode>
Short tag	<f114>
Example	17

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### PR.16.5 Image/audio/video file format code

An ONIX code which identifies the format of the image/audio/video file which is linked by the **<MediaFileLink>** element. For image files, JPEG, GIF and TIF are supported. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 39</a>
Reference name	<MediaFileFormatCode>
Short tag	<f115>
Example	02

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### PR.16.6 Image resolution

The resolution of an image file which is linked by the **<MediaFileLink>** element, expressed as dots or pixels per inch. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 6 digits
Reference name	<ImageResolution>
Short tag	<f259>>
Example	600

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### PR.16.7 Image/audio/video file link type

An ONIX code which identifies the type of link which is given in the **<MediaFileLink>** element, for example a URL, DOI, filename etc. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<MediaFile>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 40</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;MediaFileLinkTypeCode&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;f116&gt;</b>
Example	05

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### PR.16.8 Image/audio/video file link

A link to the image/audio/video file specified by the **<MediaFileTypeCode>**, using the link type specified by the **<MediaFileLinkTypeCode>**. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<MediaFile>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;MediaFileLink&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;f117&gt;</b>
Example	

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### PR.16.9 Text accompanying download

Unstructured text associated with a file which is available for download, and intended to be displayed whenever the file content is used. Optional and non-repeating. Text may include credits, copyright notice, etc. If this field is sent, the individual elements **<DownloadCaption>**, **<DownloadCredit>**, and **<DownloadCopyrightNotice>** must not be sent, and *vice versa*.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 1,000 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see <i>ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification</i> , Section 7)
Reference name	<b>&lt;TextWithDownload&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;f118&gt;</b>
Example	

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### PR.16.10 Download caption

Text of a caption associated with a download file, and intended to be displayed whenever the file content is used. Optional and non-repeating. The **<DownloadCaption>** element may be sent together with either or both of fields **<DownloadCredit>**, or **<DownloadCopyrightNotice>**.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 500 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see <i>ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification</i> , Section 7)
Reference name	<b>&lt;DownloadCaption&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;f119&gt;</b>
Example	

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**PR.16.11 Download credit**

Text of a personal or corporate credit associated with a download file, and intended to be displayed whenever the file content is used. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name <DownloadCredit>

Short tag <f120>

Example

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**PR.16.12 Download copyright notice**

Text of a copyright notice associated with a download file, and intended to be displayed whenever the file content is used. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name <DownloadCopyrightNotice>

Short tag <f121>

Example

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**PR.16.13 Download terms**

Text of any terms and conditions associated with a download file. Optional and non-repeating. This field may be sent alone, or with the **<TextWithDownload>** element, or with any combination of the **<DownloadCaption>**, **<DownloadCredit>**, and **<DownloadCopyrightNotice>** elements.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 500 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name <DownloadTerms>

Short tag <f122>

Example

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**PR.16.14 Media file date****NEW**

The date when the image referenced by the **<MediaFileLink>** element was last changed. Optional and non-repeating. This element is intended to allow the receiver of an updated ONIX record to determine whether it is necessary to download a new copy of the file.

Format Fixed-length, 8 numeric digits, YYYYMMDD

Reference name <MediaFileDate>

Short tag <f373>

Example 20030504

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**End of image/audio/video file link composite**

## Product website composite

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to the product.

Reference name      <ProductWebsite>

Short tag            <productwebsite>

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### PR.16.15 Website purpose

**NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through <ProductWebsiteLink>. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list           [List 73](#)

Reference name    <WebsiteRole>

Short tag           <b367>

Example            05

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### PR.16.16 Product website description

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through <ProductWebsiteLink>. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name    <ProductWebsiteDescription>

Short tag           <f170>

Example

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### PR.16.17 Link to product website

A URL for a website carrying additional information related to the product, which is available to be viewed for promotional purposes. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <ProductWebsite> composite, and non-repeating.

Format              Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name    <ProductWebsiteLink>

Short tag           <f123>

Example            <http://xyzbooks.com/newtitles/1234567890.htm>

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## End of product website composite

## PR.17 Prizes

Group PR.17 is optional. It includes the **<Prize>** composite, which is the preferred method of describing a prize or award; and an individual **<PrizesDescription>** element, which can better be represented by one or more instances of the composite, and which is retained for reasons of upwards compatibility only.

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### PR.17.1 Prizes or awards description

**DEPRECATED**

Free text describing prizes or awards which the product has received. Optional and non-repeating. If this field is used, the **<Prize>** composite must not be used; and *vice versa*.

**The **<Prize>** composite below provides a more general method of handling prizes, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 500 characters
Reference name	<PrizesDescription>
Short tag	<g124>
Example	<i>Shortlisted for the Booker Prize, 1998</i>

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### Prize or award composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a prize or award won by the product.

Reference name	<Prize>
Short tag	<prize>

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### PR.17.2 Prize or award name

The name of a prize or award which the product has received. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Prize>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<PrizeName>
Short tag	<g126>
Example	<i>Booker Prize</i>

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### PR.17.3 Prize or award year

The year in which a prize or award was given. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Four digits, YYYY
Reference name	<PrizeYear>
Short tag	<g127>
Example	<i>1999</i>

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**PR.17.4 Prize or award country**

An ISO standard code identifying the country in which a prize or award is given. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>
Reference name	<PrizeCountry>
Short tag	<g128>
Example	US

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**PR.17.5 Prize or award achievement code**

An ONIX code indicating the achievement of the product in relation to a prize or award, eg winner, runner-up, shortlisted. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 41</a>
Reference name	<PrizeCode>
Short tag	<g129>
Example	02

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**PR.17.6 Prize or award jury****NEW**

Free text listing members of the jury that awarded the prize. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 500 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see <i>ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification</i> , Section 7)
Reference name	<PrizeJury>
Short tag	<g343>
Example	

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**End of prize or award composite**

## PR.18 Content items

In principle, any parts of a complete ONIX description could be nested within a **<ContentItem>** composite. In Release 2.1, the composite has been extended to carry a number of additional element groups.

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### Content item composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a content item within a product.

Reference name      <ContentItem>>

Short tag            <contentitem>

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### PR.18.1 Level sequence number

A number which specifies the position of a content item in a multi-level hierarchy of such items. Numbering starts at the top level in the hierarchy, which may represent (eg) chapters in a printed book, and the first item at the top level is numbered 1. Numbers should be assigned solely with a view to the logic of the ONIX description and not in relation to any other characteristics of the items being numbered (such as their typographical layout in a printed table of contents).

**<LevelSequenceNumber>** is *not* a required field, but it is strongly recommended for structured tables of contents. If used, it must occur once and only once in each occurrence of the **<ContentItem>** composite.

Format                Variable-length string of integers, each successive integer being separated by a full stop, suggested maximum length 100 characters

Reference name      <LevelSequenceNumber>

Short tag            <b284>

Example              2.24.1.7

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## Text item composite

A group of data elements which are specific to text content. The composite must occur once and only once in a **<ContentItem>** composite which describes a text content item. (Similar composites are being defined for other media, and the occurrence of one of them will be mandatory in any **<ContentItem>** composite.)

Reference name      <TextItem>

Short tag            <textitem>

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### PR.18.2 Text item type code

An ONIX code which identifies the nature of a text item. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<TextItem>** composite, and non-repeatable.

Format              Fixed length, 2 numeric digits

Code list           [List 42](#)

Reference name      <TextItemType>

Short tag            <b290>

Example              04

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## Text item identifier composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together define an identifier of a text item in accordance with a specified scheme. The composite is optional.

Reference name      <TextItemIdentifier>

Short tag            <textitemidentifier>

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### PR.18.3 Text item identifier type code

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in **<IDValue>** is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<TextItemIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format              Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list           [List 43](#)

Reference name      <TextItemIDType>

Short tag            <b285>

Example              01

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**PR.18.4 Identifier type name**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in **<TextItemIDType>** indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a publisher's own code. Optional and non-repeating

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<IDTypeName>
Short tag	<b233>
Example	<i>McGraw</i>

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**PR.18.5 Identifier value**

An identifier of the type specified in **<TextItemIDType>**. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<TextItemIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the identifier type specified in <b>&lt;TextItemIDType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<IDValue>
Short tag	<b244>
Example	<i>12345678</i>

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**End of text item identifier composite****PR.18.6 First page number**

The number of the page on which a text item begins in a paginated product. Optional and non-repeating; required when the text item is being referenced as part of a structured table of contents.

Format	Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<FirstPageNumber>
Short tag	<b286>
Example	<i>vii</i>

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**PR.18.7 Last page number**

The number of the page on which a text item ends in a paginated product. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only when **<FirstPageNumber>** is also present.

Format	Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<LastPageNumber>
Short tag	<b287>
Example	<i>254</i>

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**Page run composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together define a run of contiguous pages on which a text item appears. The composite is optional, but may be repeated where the text item covers two or more separate page runs.

Reference name      <PageRun>

Short tag            <pagerun>

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**PR.18.8 First page number****NEW**

The number of the first page of a sequence of contiguous pages. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<PageRun>** composite, and non-repeating. Note that here and in the **<LastPageNumber>** element a page "number" may be arabic, roman, or an alphanumeric string (eg *L123*).

Format                Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters

Reference name      <FirstPageNumber>

Short tag            <b286>

Example              23

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**PR.18.9 Last page number****NEW**

The number of the last page of a sequence of contiguous pages (ignoring any blank verso which is left after the last text page). This element is omitted if an item begins and ends on the same page; otherwise it should occur once and only once in each occurrence of the **<PageRun>** composite.

Format                Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters

Reference name      <LastPageNumber>

Short tag            <b287>

Example              35

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**End of page run composite****PR.18.10 Number of pages**

The page extent of a text item within a paginated product. Optional and non-repeating, but normally expected when the text item is being referenced as part of a structured table of contents.

Format                Variable length integer, suggested maximum length 6 digits.

Reference name      <NumberOfPages>

Short tag            <b061>

Example              26

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**End of text item composite**



**Website composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to a content item.

Reference name      <Website>

Short tag            <website>

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**PR.18.11 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format               Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list            [List 73](#)

Reference name      <WebsiteRole>

Short tag            <b367>

Example              05

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**PR.18.12 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format               Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name      <WebsiteDescription>

Short tag            <b294>

Example

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**PR.18.13 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format               Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name      <WebsiteLink>

Short tag            <b295>

Example              <http://xyzbooks.com>

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**End of website composite**

**PR.18.14 Component type name**

The generic name (if any) which is given in the product to the type of section which the content item represents, eg Chapter, Part, Track. Optional and non-repeating; but either this field or a title (in **<DistinctiveTitle>** or in a **<Title>** composite) or both must be present in any occurrence of the **<ContentItem>** composite.

Format	Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;ComponentTypeName&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b288&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Chapter</i>

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**PR.18.15 Component number**

The number (if any) which is given to the content item in the product, in the form (eg Arabic or roman) in which it is given in the product. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;ComponentNumber&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b289&gt;</b>
Example	<i>XX</i>

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**PR.18.16 Component title**

The distinctive title of a content item. Optional and non-repeating; but either this field (or a title in a **<Title>** composite) or a **<ComponentTypeName>** must be present in any occurrence of the **<ContentItem>** composite.

Format	Variable-length alphanumeric, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;DistinctiveTitle&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b028&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Introducing XML</i>

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**Title composite**

A repeatable group of data elements which together give the text of a title of a content item and specify its type, used here to give alternate forms of title for a content item. **Please see Group PR.7 for details.**

Reference name	<b>&lt;Title&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;title&gt;</b>

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**End of title composite**

**Work identifier composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together define the identifier of a work which is manifested in the content item. Optional and repeatable. **Please see Group PR.7 for details.**

Reference name      <WorkIdentifier>

Short tag             <workidentifier>

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**End of work identifier composite****Contributor composite**

A group of data elements which together describe a personal or corporate contributor to a content item. Optional and repeatable. **Please see Group PR.8 for details.**

Reference name      <Contributor>

Short tag             <contributor>

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**End of contributor composite****PR.18.17 Contributor statement****NEW**

Free text showing exactly how the authorship should be described in an online display, when a standard concatenation of individual contributor elements would not give a satisfactory presentation. When this field is sent, the receiving party is expected to use it to replace all names sent in the **<Contributor>** composite for display purposes only. It does not replace any biographical notes sent in the composite. The individual contributor elements must also be sent for indexing and retrieval.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 1000 characters

Reference name      <ContributorStatement>

Short tag             <b049>

Example               *Written and illustrated by Fred and Emily Jackson*

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**Subject composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a subject of a content item. **Please see Group PR.13 for details.**

Reference name      <Subject>

Short tag             <subject>

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**End of subject composite**

**Person as subject composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify a person as a subject of a content item. **Please see Group PR.13 for details.**

Reference name     <PersonAsSubject>  
Short tag            <personassubject>

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**End of person as subject composite****PR.18.18 Corporate body as subject****NEW**

The name of a corporate body which is part of the subject of the content item. Optional, and repeatable if more than one corporate body is involved.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters.  
Reference name     <CorporateBodyAsSubject>  
Short tag            <b071>  
Example              *Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra*

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**PR.18.19 Place as subject****NEW**

The name of a place or region or geographical entity which is part of the subject of the content item. Optional, and repeatable if the subject of the content item includes more than one place.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum 100 characters.  
Reference name     <PlaceAsSubject>  
Short tag            <b072>  
Example              *Indian Ocean*

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**Other text composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify, and either include or provide pointers to, text related to a content item. **Please see Group PR.15 for details.**

Reference name     <OtherText>  
Short tag            <othertext>

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**End of other text composite**

**Media file composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to an image, audio or video file related to a content item. **Please see Group PR.16 for details.**

Reference name      <MediaFile>

Short tag            <mediafile>

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**End of media file composite****End of content item composite**

## PR.19 Publisher

In the absence of any yet established coding scheme for imprint and publisher names, it is very important to be consistent in the way in which imprint and publisher are named in product records.

The XML DTD allows either an imprint name or a publisher name or both to be sent.

### PR.19.1 Imprint or brand name

**DEPRECATED**

The full name of the imprint or brand under which the product is issued, as it appears on the title page of a book or in a corresponding position on a non-book product. Optional and non-repeating; and should not be used if the **<Imprint>** composite is used.

**The <Imprint> composite below provides a more general method of handling imprint identities, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<ImprintName>
Short tag	<b079>
Example	<i>Secker &amp; Warburg</i>

### Imprint or brand composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify an imprint or brand under which the product is marketed. The composite must carry either a name code or a name or both.

Reference name	<Imprint>
Short tag	<imprint>

### PR.19.2 Name code type

An ONIX code which identifies the scheme from which the value in the **<NameCodeValue>** element is taken. Optional and non-repeating, but mandatory if the **<Imprint>** composite does not carry an **<ImprintName>**.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 44</a>
Reference name	<NameCodeType>
Short tag	<b241>
Example	02     Proprietary

### PR.19.3 Name code type name

A name which identifies a proprietary name code when the code in **<NameCodeType>** indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a bibliographic agency's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<NameCodeTypeName>
Short tag	<b242>
Example	

**PR.19.4 Name code value**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in **<NameCodeType>**. Mandatory if and only if **<NameCodeType>** is present, and non-repeating.

Format Determined by the scheme specified in **<NameCodeType>**

Reference name **<NameCodeValue>**

Short tag **<b243>**

Example

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**PR.19.5 Imprint or brand name**

The name of an imprint or brand under which the product is issued, as it appears on the product. Mandatory if there is no name code in an occurrence of the **<Imprint>** composite, and optional if a name code is included. Non-repeating.

Format Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Reference name **<ImprintName>**

Short tag **<b079>**

Example *Secker & Warburg*

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**End of imprint or brand composite****PR.19.6 Publisher name****DEPRECATED**

The full name of the publisher who issues the product, in the form in which the publisher wishes to be identified, and controlled by the publisher to maintain consistency across products. Optional and non-repeating; and should not be used if the **<Publisher>** composite is used. Except where they are essential to the recognized form of the name, it is recommended that suffixes denoting incorporation ("Co", "Inc", "Ltd", "SA", "GmbH") should be omitted.

**The **<Publisher>** composite below provides a more general method of handling publisher identities, and is to be preferred.**

Format Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Reference name **<PublisherName>**

Short tag **<b081>**

Example *Reed International Books*

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## Publisher composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify an entity which is associated with the publishing of a product. The composite will allow additional publishing roles to be introduced without adding new fields. Each occurrence of the composite must carry either a name code or a name or both.

Reference name      <Publisher>

Short tag            <publisher>

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## PR.19.7 Publishing role code

An ONIX code which identifies a role played by an entity in the publishing of a product. Optional and non-repeating. The default if the element is omitted is "publisher".

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list            [List 45](#)

Reference name      <PublishingRole>

Short tag            <b291>

Example              02

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## PR.19.8 Name code type

An ONIX code which identifies the scheme from which the value in the **<NameCodeValue>** element is taken. Optional and non-repeating, but mandatory if the **<Publisher>** composite does not carry a **<PublisherName>**.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list            [List 44](#)

Reference name      <NameCodeType>

Short tag            <b241>

Example              03      Deutsche Bibliothek publisher identifier

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## PR.19.9 Name code type name

A name which identifies a proprietary name code when the code in **<NameCodeType>** indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a bibliographic agency's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name      <NameCodeTypeName>

Short tag            <b242>

Example

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**PR.19.10 Name code value**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in **<NameCodeType>**. Mandatory if and only if **<NameCodeType>** is present, and non-repeating.

Format Determined by the scheme specified in **<NameCodeType>**

Reference name **<NameCodeValue>**

Short tag **<b243>**

Example

**PR.19.11 Publisher name**

The name of an entity associated with the publishing of a product. Mandatory if there is no name code in an occurrence of the **<Publisher>** composite, and optional if a name code is included. Non-repeating.

Format Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Reference name **<PublisherName>**

Short tag **<b081>**

Example *Reed International Books*

**Website composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to the publisher identified in an occurrence of the **<Publisher>** composite.

Reference name **<Website>**

Short tag **<website>**

**PR.19.12 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list [List 73](#)

Reference name **<WebsiteRole>**

Short tag **<b367>**

Example *05*

**PR.19.13 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name <WebsiteDescription>

Short tag <b294>

Example

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**PR.19.14 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name <WebsiteLink>

Short tag <b295>

Example <http://xyzbooks.com>

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**End of website composite****End of publisher composite****PR.19.15 City or town of publication**

The name of a city or town associated with the imprint or publisher. Optional, and repeatable if the imprint carries two or more cities of publication.

A place of publication is normally given in the form in which it appears on the title page. If the place name appears in more than one language, use the language of the title carried in the ONIX record. If this criterion does not apply, use the form that appears first. Alternatively, some ONIX applications may follow their own “house style”.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters.

Reference name <CityOfPublication>

Short tag <b209>

Example *New York*

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**PR.19.16 Country of publication**

A code identifying the country where the product is issued. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>
Reference name	<CountryOfPublication>
Short tag	<b083>
Example	US

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**PR.19.17 Co-publisher name****DEPRECATED**

The name of a co-publisher of the product, in the form in which the co-publisher wishes to be identified, and controlled to maintain consistency across products. Except where they are essential to the recognized form of the name, it is recommended that suffixes denoting incorporation ("Co", "Inc", "Ltd", "SA", "GmbH") should be omitted. Optional, and repeatable if there are two or more co-publishers.

**The <Publisher> composite on preceding pages provides a more general method of handling publisher identities, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<CopublisherName>
Short tag	<b084>
Example	<i>Institute of Chartered Accountants</i>

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**PR.19.18 Sponsor name****DEPRECATED**

The name of a sponsor of the product, in the form in which the sponsor wishes to be identified. Except where they are essential to the recognized form of the name, it is recommended that suffixes denoting incorporation ("Co", "Inc", "Ltd", "SA", "GmbH") should be omitted. Optional, and repeatable if there are two or more sponsors.

**The <Publisher> composite on preceding pages provides a more general method of handling publisher identities, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<SponsorName>
Short tag	<b085>
Example	<i>Andersen Consulting</i>

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**PR.19.19 Publisher of original-language version****DEPRECATED**

The name of the publisher of the original-language version of a translated work. Except where they are essential to the recognized form of the name, it is recommended that suffixes denoting incorporation ("Co", "Inc", "Ltd", "SA", "GmbH") should be omitted. Optional and non-repeating.

**The <Publisher> composite on preceding pages provides a more general method of handling publisher identities, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<OriginalPublisher>
Short tag	<b240>
Example	<i>Springer Verlag</i>

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## PR.20 Publishing status and dates, and copyright

The XML DTD does not define any of these dates as mandatory. Only in exceptional circumstances, however, should an ONIX description be sent without a **<PublicationDate>** element.

### PR.20.1 Publishing status

NEW

An ONIX code which identifies the status of a published product. Optional and non-repeating, **but it is very strongly recommended that this element should be included in all ONIX Books Product records, and it is possible that it may be made mandatory in a future release, or that it will be treated as mandatory in national ONIX accreditation schemes.**

Where the element is sent by a sender who is not the publisher, based on information that has been previously supplied by the publisher, it is strongly recommended that the element should carry a datestamp attribute to indicate its likely reliability. See *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 4, for details of the datestamp attribute.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 64](#)

Reference name <PublishingStatus>

Short tag <b394>

Example 02 Forthcoming

### PR.20.2 Publishing status note

NEW

Free text that describes the status of a published product, when the code in **<PublishingStatus>** is insufficient. Optional and non-repeating, but must be accompanied by the **<PublishingStatus>** element.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 300 characters.

Reference name <PublishingStatusNote>

Short tag <b395>

Example *Lost contact with publisher*

### PR.20.3 Announcement date

Date when information about the product can be issued to the general public. (Some publishers issue advance information under embargo.) Optional and non-repeating.

Format Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)

Reference name <AnnouncementDate>

Short tag <b086>

Example 20000614

**PR.20.4 Trade announcement date****NEW**

Date when information about the product can be issued to the book trade, while remaining embargoed for the general public. (Some publishers issue advance information under embargo.) Optional and non-repeating.

Format                      Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)  
 Reference name          <TradeAnnouncementDate>  
 Short tag                  <b362>  
 Example                  20000514

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**PR.20.5 Publication date**

The date of first publication of this product in the home market of the publisher named in PR.19 (that is, under the current ISBN or other identifier, as distinct from the date of first publication of the *work*, which may be given in <YearFirstPublished> on the next page). In advance information, this will be an expected date, which should be replaced by the actual date of publication when known. The date should be given as precisely as possible, but in early notifications a month and year are sufficient; and for backlist titles the year of publication is sufficient.

Note that in advance information this date must *not* be interpreted as the date when the product will first be available in a territory other than the publisher's home market. See the <SupplyDetail> and <MarketRepresentation> composites, Groups PR.24 and PR.25, for other market-specific detail.

Optional and non-repeating.

Format                      Four, six or eight numeric digits (YYYY, YYYYMM, or YYYYMMDD).  
 Reference name          <PublicationDate>  
 Short tag                  <b003>  
 Example                  20010315

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**Copyright statement composite****NEW**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together represent a structured copyright statement for the product. Either a structured copyright statement or statements, or a copyright year in the separate <CopyrightYear> element which follows the composite, *but not both*, may be sent.

Reference name          <CopyrightStatement>  
 Short tag                  <copyrightstatement>

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**PR.20.6 Copyright year****NEW**

The copyright year as it appears in a copyright statement on the product. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <CopyrightStatement> composite, and repeatable if several years are listed.

Format                      Date as year only (YYYY)  
 Reference name          <CopyrightYear>  
 Short tag                  <b087>  
 Example                  2003

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**Copyright owner composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together name a copyright owner. At least one occurrence is mandatory in each occurrence of the **<CopyrightStatement>** composite. Each occurrence of the **<CopyrightOwner>** composite must carry a single name (personal or corporate), or an identifier, or both.

Reference name      <CopyrightOwner>

Short tag            <copyrightowner>

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**Copyright owner identifier composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together represent a coded identification of a copyright owner. Optional, and non-repeating. May be sent either instead of or as well as a name.

Reference name      <CopyrightOwnerIdentifier>

Short tag            <copyrightowneridentifier>

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**PR.20.7 Copyright owner identifier type****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the scheme from which the value in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<CopyrightOwnerIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list            [List 44](#)

Reference name      <CopyrightOwnerIDType>

Short tag            <b392>

Example              02

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**PR.20.8 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<CopyrightOwnerIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name      <IDTypeName>

Short tag            <b233>

Example

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**PR.20.9 Identifier value****NEW**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in the **<CopyrightOwnerIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<CopyrightOwnerIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Determined by the scheme specified in **<CopyrightOwnerIDType>**

Reference name      <IDValue>

Short tag            <b244>

Example

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**End of copyright owner identifier composite**

**PR.20.10 Person name****NEW**

The name of a person, used here for a personal copyright owner. Optional and non-repeating. Each occurrence of the **<CopyrightOwner>** composite may carry a single name (personal or corporate), or an identifier, or both a name and an identifier.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<PersonName>
Short tag	<b036>
Example	<i>James J. Johnson III</i>

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**PR.20.11 Corporate name****NEW**

The name of a corporate body, used here for a corporate copyright owner. Optional and non-repeating. Each occurrence of the **<CopyrightOwner>** composite may carry a single name (personal or corporate), or an identifier, or both a name and an identifier.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters
Reference name	<CorporateName>
Short tag	<b047>
Example	<i>Johnson &amp; Johnson Inc</i>

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**End of copyright owner composite****End of copyright statement composite****PR.20.12 Copyright year**

The copyright year as it appears in a copyright statement on the product. If several years are listed, use the most recent. Optional and non-repeating, and may not occur if the **<CopyrightStatement>** composite is present.

Format	Date as year only (YYYY)
Reference name	<CopyrightYear>
Short tag	<b087>
Example	<i>1976</i>

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**PR.20.13 Year first published**

The year when the work first appeared in any language or edition, if different from the copyright year. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Date as year only (YYYY)
Reference name	<YearFirstPublished>
Short tag	<b088>
Example	<i>1845</i>

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## PR.21 Territorial rights and other sales restrictions

Release 2.1 allows rights to be specified for any geographical territory. Group PR.21 details the rights that the publisher chooses to exercise in the product described by the ONIX record. These may be different from the rights owned by the publisher in the underlying work (which are not specified in an *ONIX for Books* Product Record) and from the distribution rights exercised by a particular supplier (see Group PR.24).

The aim is to provide precise and reliable geographical rights information that can be used in a computer system to determine whether a product can or cannot be sold in a particular territory. There are no defaults. If no information is given about a particular territory, it must not be assumed that rights are, or are not, held.

The **<SalesRights>** composite allows rights to be specified as exclusive or non-exclusive or not-for-sale in any combination of countries or country subdivisions. It is also possible to specify rights as “worldwide” or “worldwide with specified exclusions” if this enables them to be stated more concisely.

The **<NotForSale>** composite allows details of an equivalent product to be sent in respect of a country or countries in which the product described in the ONIX record is not for sale. This information is particularly helpful in enabling international online booksellers to ensure that territorial rights are correctly identified and observed. It is therefore recommended that wherever possible the **<NotForSale>** composite should be used in preference to the **<SalesRights>** composite with code value 03 in **<SalesRightsType>**. However, both methods of expressing “not for sale” remain valid.

**Special note** on US and UK “Open Market”, and UK “Airport” or “Airside”, editions. It is expected that such editions, like any others, should carry a full statement of the territories in which they are available for sale. If it is desired, as a matter of convenience, to refer to them as “Open Market” or “Airside”, this should be *additional to*, not instead of, a full territorial rights statement, and should be handled through the new **<TradeCategory>** element in Group PR.3. Coding for “UK Airports” and “UK Airside” is included in the new element **<RightsTerritory>**, as these need to be distinguished as specific “territories”, but there should be no coding for “Open Market” within this data element group.

### Sales rights composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify territorial sales rights which a publisher chooses to exercise in a product. The **<SalesRights>** composite may occur once for each value of **<b089>**. See examples at the end of Group PR.21.

Reference name      <SalesRights>

Short tag             <salesrights>

#### PR.21.1 Sales rights type code

An ONIX code which identifies the type of sales right or exclusion which applies in the territories which are associated with it. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SalesRights>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list             [List 46](#)

Reference name      <SalesRightsType>

Short tag             <b089>

Example              02

**PR.21.2 Rights country**

One or more ISO standard codes identifying a country. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus, a single occurrence of the element can carry an unlimited number of country codes, for countries that share the sales rights specified in **<SalesRightsType>**. For upwards compatibility, the element remains repeatable, so that multiple countries can also be listed as multiple occurrences of the whole element. At least one occurrence of **<RightsCountry>** or **<RightsTerritory>** or **<RightsRegion>** is mandatory in any occurrence of the **<SalesRights>** composite.

Format	One or more fixed-length codes, each with two upper case letters, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 600 characters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]	
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>	
Reference name	<RightsCountry>	
Short tag	<b090>	
Example	US CA	USA and Canada

**PR.21.3 Rights territory****NEW**

One or more ONIX codes identifying a territory which is not a country, but which is precisely defined in geographical terms, eg *World, Northern Ireland, Australian National Territory*. Successive codes are separated by spaces, so that the element can carry an unlimited number of territory codes, for territories that share the sales rights specified in **<SalesRightsType>**. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	One or more variable-length codes, each consisting of upper case letters with or without a hyphen, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 100 characters.	
Code list	<a href="#">List 49</a> Where possible and appropriate, country subdivision codes are derived from the UN LOCODE scheme based on ISO 3166.	
Reference name	<RightsTerritory>	
Short tag	<b388>	
Examples	WORLD	Whole world
	GB-EWS	UK excluding Northern Ireland

**PR.21.4 Rights region****DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code identifying a territorial market which cannot be described in terms of ISO country codes. Optional, and repeatable for as many regions as share the sales rights specified in **<SalesRightsType>**. **Superseded by the new element <RightsTerritory> above, but retained for purposes of upwards compatibility.** See note on “Open Market” and “Airport” or “Airside” editions in the introduction to Group PR.21.

Format	Fixed-length, three numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 47</a>
Reference name	<RightsRegion>
Short tag	<b091>
Example	000

**End of sales rights composite**

## Not for sale composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify a country or countries in which the product is not for sale, together with the ISBN and/or other product identifier and/or the name of the publisher of the same work in the specified country/ies.

Reference name      <NotForSale>

Short tag              <notforsale>

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### PR.21.5 Rights country

One or more ISO standard codes identifying a country. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus, a single occurrence of the element can carry an unlimited number of country codes, for countries for which details of another publisher's product are given. For upwards compatibility, the element remains repeatable, so that multiple countries can also be listed as multiple occurrences of the whole element. At least one occurrence of **<RightsCountry>** or **<RightsTerritory>** is mandatory in each occurrence of the **<NotForSale>** composite.

Format                      One or more fixed-length codes, each with two upper case letters, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 600 characters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]

Code list                  ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - [List 91](#)

Reference name          <RightsCountry>

Short tag                  <b090>

Example                  *US CA*              USA and Canada

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### PR.21.6 Rights territory

**NEW**

One or more ONIX codes identifying a territory which is not a country, but which is precisely defined in geographical terms, eg *World, Northern Ireland, Australian National Territory*. Successive codes are separated by spaces, so that the element can carry an unlimited number of territory codes, for territories for which details of another publisher's product are given. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                      One or more variable-length codes, each consisting of upper case letters with or without a hyphen, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Code list                  [List 49](#) Where possible and appropriate, country subdivision codes are derived from the UN LOCODE scheme based on ISO 3166.

Reference name          <RightsTerritory>

Short tag                  <b388>

Examples                  *WORLD*              Whole world  
*GB-EWS*              UK excluding Northern Ireland

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**PR.21.7 ISBN-10****DEPRECATED**

10-character ISBN of the equivalent product which is available in the country/ies specified in **<RightsCountry>**. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred. The <ISBN> element is on no account to be used to carry a 13-digit ISBN.**

Format	Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X
Reference name	<ISBN>
Short tag	<b004>
Example	8474339790

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**PR.21.8 EAN.UCC-13 article number****DEPRECATED**

EAN.UCC-13 number of the equivalent product available in the country/ies specified in **<RightsCountry>**. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite provides a more general method of handling this and other product codes, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits. The last digit is a modulus-10 check digit calculated in accordance with the rules given at <a href="http://www.ean-int.org/cdcalcul.html">http://www.ean-int.org/cdcalcul.html</a>
Reference name	<EAN13>
Short tag	<b005>
Example	9788474339796

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**Product identifier composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together define the identifier of a product in accordance with a specified scheme, and allowing new types of product identifier to be included without defining additional data elements. **See notes on the <ProductIdentifier> composite in section PR.2 for details of the handling of ISBN-13.**

Reference name	<ProductIdentifier>
Short tag	<productidentifier>

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**PR.21.9 Product identifier type code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ProductIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 5</a>
Reference name	<ProductIDType>
Short tag	<b221>
Example	02 ISBN

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**PR.21.10 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<ProductIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<IDTypeName>
Short tag	<b233>
Example	<i>KNO</i>

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**PR.21.11 Identifier value****NEW**

An identifier of the type specified in the **<ProductIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<ProductIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the identifier type specified in <b>&lt;ProductIDType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<IDValue>
Short tag	<b244>
Example	<i>12345678</i>

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**End of product identifier composite****PR.21.12 Publisher name**

The full name of the publisher of the equivalent product which is available in the country/ies specified in **<RightsCountry>**. Optional and non-repeating. Except where they are essential to the recognized form of the name, it is recommended that suffixes denoting incorporation ("Co", "Inc", "Ltd", "SA", "GmbH") should be omitted.

Format	Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<PublisherName>
Short tag	<b081>
Example	<i>Reed International Books</i>

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**End of not for sale composite**

**Examples of the use of the <SalesRights> and <NotForSale> composites****Example 1 – UK edition with ISBN of US equivalent**

<salesrights>  
<b089>01</b089> Available with exclusive rights in  
<b090>GB IE AU NZ ZA</b090> UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa  
</salesrights>

<salesrights>  
<b089>02</b089> Available with non-exclusive rights in  
<b388>ROW</b388> Rest of world  
</salesrights>

<notforsale> Not for sale in  
<b090>US CA</b090> USA, Canada  
<productidentifier>  
<b221>02</b221> ID type = ISBN  
<b244>0123456784</b244> ISBN of equivalent product in USA and Canada  
</productidentifier>  
</notforsale>

**Example 2 – worldwide rights**

<salesrights>  
<b089>01</b089> Available with exclusive rights in  
<b388>WORLD</b388> Worldwide  
</salesrights>

**Sales restriction composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together identify a non-territorial sales restriction which a publisher applies to a product. Optional and repeatable.

Reference name <SalesRestriction>

Short tag <salesrestriction>

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**PR.21.13 Sales restriction type code****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies a non-territorial sales restriction. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SalesRestriction>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 71](#)

Reference name <SalesRestrictionType>

Short tag <b381>

Example 02

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**Sales outlet composite****NEW**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify a sales outlet to which a restriction is linked. Each occurrence of the composite must include a **<SalesOutletIdentifier>** composite or a **<SalesOutletName>** or both.

Reference name <SalesOutlet>

Short tag <salesoutlet>

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**Sales outlet identifier composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together represent a coded identification of a person or organization, used here to identify a sales outlet. Non-repeating in this context.

Reference name <SalesOutletIdentifier>

Short tag <salesoutletidentifier>

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**PR.21.14 Sales outlet identifier type****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the scheme from which the value in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SalesOutletIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 102](#)

Reference name <SalesOutletIDType>

Short tag <b393>

Example 02

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**PR.21.15 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<SalesOutletIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name <IDTypeName>

Short tag <b233>

Example

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**PR.21.16 Identifier value****NEW**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in the **<SalesOutletIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SalesOutletIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Determined by the scheme specified in **<SalesOutletIDType>**

Reference name <IDValue>

Short tag <b244>

Example

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**End of sales outlet identifier composite****PR.21.17 Sales outlet name****NEW**

The name of a wholesale or retail sales outlet to which a sales restriction is linked. Non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters

Reference name <SalesOutletName>

Short tag <b382>

Example *Marks & Spencer*

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**End of sales outlet composite****PR.21.18 Sales restriction detail****NEW**

A free text field describing an “unspecified” restriction, or giving more explanation of a coded restriction type. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name <SalesRestrictionDetail>

Short tag <b383>

Example

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**End of sales restriction composite**

## PR.22 Dimensions

Product dimensions are preferably expressed as repeated occurrences of a **<Measure>** composite, which identifies the dimension which is to be specified, the measurement quantity, and the measure unit which is used. **For reasons of upwards compatibility, Group PR.22 also lists four elements which were originally defined to allow a limited set of dimensions to be stated without using a composite. These elements should not be used in new implementations.**

The **<Dimensions>** element is exclusively for legacy systems where a dimension statement is held only as a text string. Its use is generally deprecated.

Group PR.22 is not mandatory, but if it is used, any of the following content is valid:

- (a) Repeats of the **<Measure>** composite only
- (b) Some or all of the **<Height>**, **<Width>**, **<Thickness>**, **<Weight>** fields only
- (c) **<Dimensions>** element only, or with (a) or (b)

In advance information, overall book sizes may be given as estimates based on the page trim size, but they should if possible be replaced by accurate details when they are known, or on publication.

### Measure composite

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify a measurement and the units in which it is expressed.

Reference name     <Measure>

Short tag            <measure>

### PR.22.1 Measure type code

An ONIX code indicating the dimension which is specified by an occurrence of the measure composite. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Measure>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format               Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list            [List 48](#)

Reference name     <MeasureTypeCode>

Short tag            <c093>

Example             01

### PR.22.2 Measurement

The number which represents the dimension specified in **<MeasureTypeCode>** in the measure units specified in **<MeasureUnitCode>**. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Measure>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format               Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point when required, suggested maximum length 6 characters including a decimal point.

Reference name     <Measurement>

Short tag            <c094>

Example             8.25

**PR.22.3 Measure unit code**

An ONIX code indicating the measure unit in which dimensions are given. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Measure>** composite, and non-repeating. This element must follow the dimension to which the measure unit applies. See example below.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 50</a>
Reference name	<MeasureUnitCode>
Short tag	<c095>
Example	<i>mm</i>

**End of measure composite****Example of the use of the measure composite**

<measure>	
<c093>01</c093>	Height
<c094>9.25</c094>	9.25
<c095>in</c095>	Measured in inches
</measure>	
<measure>	
<c093>02</c093>	Width
<c094>6.25</c094>	6.25
<c095>in</c095>	Measured in inches
</measure>	
<measure>	
<c093>03</c093>	Thickness
<c094>1.2</c094>	1.2
<c095>in</c095>	Measured in inches
</measure>	
<measure>	
<c093>08</c093>	Unit weight
<c094>244</c094>	244
<c095>gr</c095>	Measured in grams
</measure>	

**PR.22.4 Overall height****DEPRECATED**

The overall height of the product: in the case of a book, the spine height, in the units specified in the message header, **<DefaultLinearUnit>** field, defined in the *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*. Optional and non-repeating; but required if either **<Width>** or **<Thickness>** is present. **The <Measure> composite on a previous page provides a more general method of handling measurements, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point when required, suggested maximum length 6 characters including a decimal point.
Reference name	<Height>
Short tag	<c096>
Example	8.25

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**PR.22.5 Overall width****DEPRECATED**

The overall width of the product: in the case of a book, the cover or case width, in the units specified in the message header, **<DefaultLinearUnit>** field, defined in the *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Measure> composite on a previous page provides a more general method of handling measurements, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point when required, suggested maximum length 6 characters including a decimal point.
Reference name	<Width>
Short tag	<c097>
Example	5.5

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**PR.22.6 Overall thickness****DEPRECATED**

The overall thickness of the product: in the case of a book, the spine thickness, in the units specified in the message header, **<DefaultLinearUnit>** field, defined in the *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Measure> composite on a previous page provides a more general method of handling measurements, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point when required, suggested maximum length 6 characters including a decimal point.
Reference name	<Thickness>
Short tag	<c098>
Example	1.2

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**PR.22.7 Unit weight****DEPRECATED**

The weight of a single unit of the product, in the units specified in the message header, **<DefaultWeightUnit>** field, defined in the *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*. Optional and non-repeating. **The <Measure> composite on a previous page provides a more general method of handling weights, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point when required, suggested maximum length 6 characters including a decimal point.
Reference name	<Weight>
Short tag	<c099>
Example	180

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**PR.22.8 Dimensions statement****DEPRECATED**

Where a legacy system has no structured data for product dimensions, but has a free text statement, this field allows such a statement to be sent. However, this practise is deprecated: structured information is always greatly to be preferred. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<Dimensions>
Short tag	<c258>
Example	

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## PR.23 Related products

The **<RelatedProduct>** composite in Group PR.23 allows potentially any type of related product to be identified, and with any appropriate identifier. It is strongly recommended that new implementations should use the composite structure in preference to individual elements, since this will greatly simplify future development.

**In this context, the XML DTD does not require a product number, nor does it enforce or rule out any particular types or combinations. Consequently, it is possible (eg) to list a number of renderings of an epublication content package without assigning an individual product number to each one.**

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### PR.23.1 Replaced-by ISBN

**DEPRECATED**

International Standard Book Number identifying a new product which replaces the current product. Optional and non-repeating. **The <RelatedProduct> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling related items, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X.
Reference name	<ReplacedByISBN>
Short tag	<h130>
Example	8474339790

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### PR.23.2 Replaced-by EAN-13 article number

**DEPRECATED**

The EAN-13 article number of a new product which replaces the current product. Optional and non-repeating. **The <RelatedProduct> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling related items, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits.
Reference name	<ReplacedByEAN13>
Short tag	<h131>
Example	9788474339796

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### PR.23.3 Alternative-format ISBN

**DEPRECATED**

International Standard Book Number identifying an alternative format in which the product is available. Optional and non-repeating. **The <RelatedProduct> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling related items, and is to be preferred.**

Format	Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X.
Reference name	<AlternativeFormatISBN>
Short tag	<h132>
Example	8474339790

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**PR.23.4 Alternative format EAN-13 article number****DEPRECATED**

EAN-13 article number identifying an alternative format in which the product is available. Optional and non-repeating. **The <RelatedProduct> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling related items, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits.

Reference name <AlternativeFormatEAN13>

Short tag <h133>

Example 9788474339796

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**PR.23.5 Other alternative product ISBN****DEPRECATED**

International Standard Book Number identifying another product which is available and which the publisher suggests as an alternative. This element is used when the suggested alternative is neither a direct successor (new edition) nor the same product in an alternative format. Optional and non-repeating. **The <RelatedProduct> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling related items, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X.

Reference name <AlternativeProductISBN>

Short tag <h163>

Example 8474339790

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**PR.23.6 Other alternative product EAN-13 article number****DEPRECATED**

EAN-13 article number identifying another product which is available and which the publisher suggests as an alternative. This element is used when the suggested alternative is neither a direct successor (new edition) nor the same product in an alternative format. Optional and non-repeating. **The <RelatedProduct> composite on a later page provides a more general method of handling related items, and is to be preferred.**

Format Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits.

Reference name <AlternativeProductEAN13>

Short tag <h164>

Example 9788474339796

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## Related product composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe a product which has a specified relationship to the product which is described in the ONIX record. Although for reasons of upwards compatibility the composite includes individual fields for ISBN and EAN-13 number, use of the nested **<ProductIdentifier>** composite is to be preferred, since it allows any recognized identifier scheme (eg DOI) to be used.

The minimum required content of an occurrence of the **<RelatedProduct>** composite is a **<RelationCode>** and *either* a product identifier *or* a **<ProductForm>** value. In other words, it is valid to list related products by relationship and identifier only, or by relationship and form only.

Reference name      <RelatedProduct>

Short tag            <relatedproduct>

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### PR.23.7 Relation code

An ONIX code which identifies the nature of the relationship between two products, eg "replaced-by". Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<RelatedProduct>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed length, two numeric digits

Code list            [List 51](#)

Reference name      <RelationCode>

Short tag            <h208>

Example             06

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### PR.23.8 ISBN-10

**DEPRECATED**

10-character ISBN of the related product. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite provides a more general method of handling identifiers, and is to be preferred. The <ISBN> element is on no account to be used to carry a 13-digit ISBN.**

Format                Fixed-length, 10 characters, all numeric except last character, which may be letter X.

Reference name      <ISBN>

Short tag            <b004>

Example             8474339790

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### PR.23.9 EAN.UCC-13 article number

**DEPRECATED**

EAN.UCC-13 number of the related product. Optional and non-repeating. **The <ProductIdentifier> composite provides a more general method of handling identifiers, and is to be preferred.**

Format                Fixed-length, 13 numeric digits.

Reference name      <EAN13>

Short tag            <b005>

Example             9788474339796

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## Product identifier composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together define the identifier of a product in accordance with a specified scheme, and allowing other types of product identifier for a related product to be included without defining additional data elements. **See notes on the <ProductIdentifier> composite in section PR.2 for details of the handling of ISBN-13.**

Reference name	<ProductIdentifier>
Short tag	<productidentifier>

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### PR.23.10 Product identifier type code

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the <IDValue> element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <ProductIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 5</a>
Reference name	<ProductIDType>
Short tag	<b221>
Example	02

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### PR.23.11 Identifier type name

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the <ProductIDType> element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<IDTypeName>
Short tag	<b233>
Example	KNO

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### PR.23.12 Identifier value

An identifier of the type specified in the <ProductIDType> element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <ProductIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the identifier type specified in <ProductIDType>
Reference name	<IDValue>
Short tag	<b244>
Example	12345678

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## End of product identifier composite

**Website composite****NEW**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is relevant to the product identified in an occurrence of the **<RelatedProduct>** composite.

Reference name      <Website>

Short tag            <website>

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**PR.23.13 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list           [List 73](#)

Reference name    <WebsiteRole>

Short tag           <b367>

Example            05

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**PR.23.14 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name    <WebsiteDescription>

Short tag           <b294>

Example

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**PR.23.15 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format              Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name    <WebsiteLink>

Short tag           <b295>

Example            <http://xyzbooks.com/0123456789.htm>

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**End of website composite**

**PR.23.16 Product form code**

An ONIX code which indicates the primary form of the product. Optional and non-repeating; required in any occurrence of the **<RelatedProduct>** composite that does not carry a product identifier.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters.
Code list	<a href="#">List 7</a>
Reference name	<ProductForm>
Short tag	<b012>
Example	<i>BB</i> Hardback book

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**PR.23.17 Product form detail****NEW**

An ONIX code which provides added detail of the medium and/or format of the product. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Fixed-length, four characters: one letter followed by three numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 78</a>
Reference name	<ProductFormDetail>
Short tag	<b333>
Example	<i>B206</i> Pop-up book

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**Product form feature composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together describe an aspect of product form that is too specific to be covered in the **<ProductForm>** and **<ProductFormDetail>** elements. Optional.

Reference name	<ProductFormFeature>
Short tag	<productformfeature>

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**PR.23.18 Product form feature type****NEW**

An ONIX code which specifies the feature described by an instance of the **<ProductFormFeature>** composite, eg *binding color*. Mandatory in each occurrence of the composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 79</a>
Reference name	<ProductFormFeatureType>
Short tag	<b334>
Example	<i>02</i> Page edge color

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**PR.23.19 Product form feature value****NEW**

A controlled value that describes a product form feature. Presence or absence of this element depends on the **<ProductFormFeatureType>**, since some product form features (eg *thumb index*) do not require an accompanying value, while others (eg *text font*) require free text in **<ProductFormFeatureDescription>**. Non-repeating.

Format	Dependent on the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureType&gt;</b>
Code list	Dependent on the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureValue&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b335&gt;</b>
Example	<i>BLK</i> Black (binding color)

**PR.23.20 Product form feature description****NEW**

If the code in **<ProductFormFeatureValue>** does not adequately describe the feature, a short text description may be added. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Reference name	<b>&lt;ProductFormFeatureDescription&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b336&gt;</b>
Example	<i>11pt Helvetica</i>

**End of product form feature composite****PR.23.21 Book form detail****DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code specifying more detail of the product format when the product is a book. Repeatable when two or more coded characteristics apply. This field is optional, but must only be included when the code in the **<ProductForm>** element begins with letter B. **Note that this field has been superseded by the new element <ProductFormDetail>, and the code list will not be further developed. The field is retained only for purposes of upwards compatibility, and its use is now to be deprecated.**

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 8</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;BookFormDetail&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b013&gt;</b>
Example	<i>04</i> Paper over boards

**PR.23.22 Product packaging type code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates the type of packaging used for the product. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 80</a>
Reference name	<ProductPackaging>
Short tag	<b225>
Example	05 Jewel case

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**PR.23.23 Product form description**

If product form codes do not adequately describe the product, a short text description may be added. The text may include the number and type of pieces contained in a multiple product, and/or a more detailed specification of the product form. The field is optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters.
Reference name	<ProductFormDescription>
Short tag	<b014>
Example	3 volumes with 2 audiocassettes

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**PR.23.24 Number of pieces****NEW**

If the product is homogeneous (ie all items or pieces which constitute the product have the same form), the number of items or pieces may be included here. If the product consists of a number of items or pieces of different forms (eg books and audio cassettes), the **<ContainedItem>** composite should be used – see below. This field is optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 digits.
Reference name	<NumberOfPieces>
Short tag	<b210>
Example	3

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**PR.23.25 Trade category code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates a trade category which is somewhat related to but not properly an attribute of product form. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 12</a>
Reference name	<TradeCategory>
Short tag	<b384>
Example	03 Sonderausgabe (Germany)

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**PR.23.26 Product content type code****NEW**

An ONIX code which indicates certain types of content which are closely related to but not strictly an attribute of product form, eg *audiobook*. Optional and repeatable. The element is intended to be used with products where content is delivered in the form of a digital or analogue recording. It is not expected to be used for books.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 81](#)

Reference name <ProductContentType>

Short tag <b385>

Example 01 audiobook

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**PR.23.27 Epublication type code**

An ONIX code identifying the type of an epublication. This element is mandatory if and only if the <ProductForm> code for the product is *DG*.

Format Fixed-length, 3 numeric digits

Code list [List 10](#)

Reference name <EpubType>

Short tag <b211>

Example 002

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**PR.23.28 Epublication type version number**

A version number which applies to a specific epublication type. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the <EpubType> field is present.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 10 characters

Reference name <EpubTypeVersion>

Short tag <b212>

Example 2.1

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**PR.23.29 Epublication type description**

A free text description of an epublication type. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the <EpubType> field is present.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters

Reference name <EpubTypeDescription>

Short tag <b213>

Example *Adobe Ebook Reader*

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**PR.23.30 Epublication format code**

An ONIX code identifying the underlying format of an epublication. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present. Note that where the epublication type is wholly defined by the delivery format, this element effectively duplicates the **<EpubType>** field.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 11</a>
Reference name	<EpubFormat>
Short tag	<b214>
Example	02

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**PR.23.31 Epublication format version number**

A version number which applies to an epublication format. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubFormat>** field is present.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 10 characters
Reference name	<EpubFormatVersion>
Short tag	<b215>
Example	2.1

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**PR.23.32 Epublication format description**

A free text description of an epublication format. Optional and non-repeating, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present, but it does not require the presence of the **<EpubFormat>** field.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters
Reference name	<EpubFormatDescription>
Short tag	<b216>
Example	<i>Screen optimized PDF, with low-res figures</i>

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**PR.23.33 Epublication type note**

A free text description of features of a product which are specific to its appearance as a particular epublication type. Optional and non-repeatable, and can occur only if the **<EpubType>** field is present.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum 200 characters
Reference name	<EpubTypeNote>
Short tag	<b277>
Example	<i>First appearance of this title in Microsoft Reader format</i>

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**Publisher composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together identify an entity which is associated with the publishing of a related product. The composite will allow additional publishing roles to be introduced without adding new fields. Each occurrence of the composite must carry a publishing role code and either a name code or a name or both. **Please see Group PR.19 for details.**

Reference name      <Publisher>

Short tag            <publisher>

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**End of publisher composite****End of related product composite****PR.23.34 Out-of-print date**

The date on which the publisher put the current product out-of-print. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)

Reference name    <OutOfPrintDate>

Short tag           <h134>

Example            20000614

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## PR.24 Supplier, availability and prices

The whole of this Group is a composite which is repeatable for each different supplier and the market within which it holds distribution rights. A supplier may be a publisher's own trade order department, or a third party who undertakes order fulfilment for the publisher, or a wholesaler or other intermediary.

### Supplier and trade data composite

A repeatable group of data elements which together give details of a trade supply source and the product price and availability from that source.

Reference name <SupplyDetail>

Short tag <supplydetail>

#### PR.24.1 Supplier EAN location number

An EAN-13 location number identifying a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Now also known as an "EAN-UCC Global Location Number" or GLN. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<SupplyDetail>** composite must carry *either* at least one supplier identifier, or a **<SupplierName>**.

Format Fixed-length, thirteen numeric digits, of which the last is a check digit.

Reference name <SupplierEANLocationNumber>

Short tag <j135>

Example 5012340098745

#### PR.24.2 Supplier SAN

The book trade Standard Address Number that identifies the supplier with whom trade orders for the product should be placed. Used in the US and UK. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<SupplyDetail>** composite must carry *either* at least one supplier identifier, or a **<SupplierName>**.

Format Fixed-length, seven characters. The first six are numeric digits, and the seventh is a check character which may be a numeric digit or letter X.

Reference name <SupplierSAN>

Short tag <j136>

Example 978847X

### Supplier identifier composite

**NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together define the identifier of a supplier in accordance with a specified scheme, and allowing different types of supplier identifier to be included without defining additional data elements. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<SupplyDetail>** composite must carry *either* at least one supplier identifier, or a **<SupplierName>**.

Reference name <SupplierIdentifier>

Short tag <supplieridentifier>

**PR.24.3 Supplier identifier type code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SupplierIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 92</a>
Reference name	<SupplierIDType>
Short tag	<j345>
Example	02

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**PR.24.4 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<SupplierIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters
Reference name	<IDTypeName>
Short tag	<b233>
Example	KNO

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**PR.24.5 Identifier value****NEW**

An identifier of the type specified in the **<SupplierIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SupplierIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the identifier type specified in <b>&lt;SupplierIDType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<IDValue>
Short tag	<b244>
Example	12345678

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**End of supplier identifier composite****PR.24.6 Supplier name**

The name of a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Optional and non-repeating; required if no supplier identifier is sent.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<SupplierName>
Short tag	<j137>
Example	<i>Littlehampton Book Services</i>

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**PR.24.7 Supplier telephone number**

A telephone number of a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<TelephoneNumber>
Short tag	<j270>
Example	+44 20 8843 8607

**PR.24.8 Supplier fax number**

A fax number of a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<FaxNumber>
Short tag	<j271>
Example	+44 20 8843 8744

**PR.24.9 Supplier email address**

An email address for a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<EmailAddress>
Short tag	<j272>
Example	david@polecat.dircon.co.uk

**Website composite****NEW**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to the supplier identified in an occurrence of the **<SupplyDetail>** composite.

Reference name	<Website>
Short tag	<website>

**PR.24.10 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 73</a>
Reference name	<WebsiteRole>
Short tag	<b367>
Example	05

**PR.24.11 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name <WebsiteDescription>

Short tag <b294>

Example

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**PR.24.12 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name <WebsiteLink>

Short tag <b295>

Example <http://xyzbooks.com>

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**End of website composite****PR.24.13 Supplier role****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the role of a supplier in relation to the product, eg *Publisher*, *Publisher's exclusive distributor*, etc. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 93](#)

Reference name <SupplierRole>

Short tag <j292>

Example 01 Publisher

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**PR.24.14 Supply-to country**

One or more ISO standard codes identifying a country for which the supplier holds distribution rights for the product. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus, a single occurrence of the element can carry an unlimited number of country codes. For upwards compatibility, the element remains repeatable, so that multiple countries can be listed as multiple occurrences of the whole element. Optional and repeatable.

Format	One or more fixed-length codes, each with two upper case letters, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 600 characters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]	
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>	
Reference name	<SupplyToCountry>	
Short tag	<j138>	
Example	US CA	USA and Canada

**PR.24.15 Supply-to territory****NEW**

One or more ONIX codes identifying a territory which is not a country, but which is precisely defined in geographical terms, eg *World*, *Northern Ireland*, *Australian Capital Territory*. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus the element can carry an unlimited number of territory codes, for territories for which the supplier has distribution rights. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	One or more variable-length codes, each consisting of upper case letters with or without a hyphen, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 100 characters.	
Code list	<a href="#">List 49</a> Where possible and appropriate, country subdivision codes are derived from the UN LOCODE scheme based on ISO 3166.	
Reference name	<SupplyToTerritory>	
Short tag	<j397>	
Examples	WORLD	Whole world
	GB-EWS	UK excluding Northern Ireland

**PR.24.16 Supply-to region****DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code for a region to which the supplier is able to supply. A full code list is yet to be defined. A provisional coding, for UK use only, is given for Open Market supply. **This element will not be further developed, and is superseded by <SupplyToTerritory> above. It is retained for purposes of upwards compatibility only. Note that Open Market distribution rights should be specified, like any others, by listing countries and territories.**

Format	Fixed-length, three numeric digits	
Code list	<a href="#">List 52</a>	
Reference name	<SupplyToRegion>	
Short tag	<j139>	
Example	004	UK 'open market'

**PR.24.17 Supply-to country excluded**

One or more ISO standard codes identifying a country which is excluded from a territory specified in **<SupplyToTerritory>**. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus, a single occurrence of the element can carry an unlimited number of country codes. For upwards compatibility, the element remains repeatable, so that multiple countries can be listed as multiple occurrences of the whole element. Optional and repeatable.

Format	One or more fixed-length codes, each with two upper case letters, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 300 characters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>
Reference name	<SupplyToCountryExcluded>
Short tag	<j140>
Example	US CA

**PR.24.17A Supply restriction detail****NEW**

A free text field describing a non-geographical restriction of the market covered by a distributor or other supplier. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<SupplyRestrictionDetail>
Short tag	<j399>
Example	

**PR.24.18 Returns conditions code type**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the returns conditions code in **<ReturnsCode>** is taken. Optional and non-repeating, but this field must be present if **<ReturnsCode>** is present.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 53</a>
Reference name	<ReturnsCodeType>
Short tag	<j268>
Example	01

**PR.24.19 Returns conditions code**

A returns conditions code from the scheme specified in **<ReturnsCodeType>**. Optional and non-repeating, but this field must be present if **<ReturnsCodeType>** is present.

Format	According to the scheme specified in <b>&lt;ReturnsCodeType&gt;</b> : for values defined by BISAC for US use, see <a href="#">List 66</a>
Reference name	<ReturnsCode>
Short tag	<j269>
Example	

**PR.24.20 Last date for returns****NEW**

The last date for returns, when the supplier has placed a time limit on returns from retailers. Typically this occurs when the publisher has made the product out-of-print. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)
Reference name	<LastDateForReturns>
Short tag	<j387>
Example	20040616

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**PR.24.21 Availability status code**

An ONIX code indicating the availability of a product. Each occurrence of the **<SupplyDetail>** composite must carry either **<AvailabilityCode>** or **<ProductAvailability>**, or both, but **<ProductAvailability>** is now strongly preferred. Non-repeating.

Some code values require other accompanying data. Where the code lists state that one of the following is required or may optionally be sent, use the element indicated below:

Expected availability date	<b>&lt;ExpectedShipDate&gt;</b>
Remainder date	<b>&lt;ExpectedShipDate&gt;</b> is again used
Estimated time to supply	<b>&lt;OrderTime&gt;</b>
Identifier of alternative or successor product	<b>&lt;RelatedProduct&gt;</b> , Group PR.23
New supplier	<b>&lt;NewSupplier&gt;</b>

Format	Fixed-length, two letters
Code list	<a href="#">List 54</a>
Reference name	<AvailabilityCode>
Short tag	<j141>
Example	OP

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**PR.24.22 Product availability****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the availability of a product from a supplier. This element has been added as a preferred successor to the **<AvailabilityCode>** element, and is intended to be used both by publishers (who should also include the new **<PublishingStatus>** element in PR.20) and by intermediary suppliers (who may also include **<PublishingStatus>** if they are in a position to do so. Each occurrence of the **<SupplyDetail>** composite must carry either **<AvailabilityCode>** or **<ProductAvailability>**, or both. The element is non-repeating. Recommended practise is in future to use this new element, and, where possible and appropriate, to include the **<PublishingStatus>** element in PR.20. It is likely that the **<AvailabilityCode>** element will be “deprecated” in due course in a future release.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 65</a>
Reference name	<ProductAvailability>
Short tag	<j396>
Example	41      Replaced by new product

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**PR.24.23 Intermediary availability code****DEPRECATED**

An ONIX code indicating the availability of a product from an intermediary supplier. **This element was added in preparation for an expected revision of availability status coding, but in the event will not now be generally used.** The element is being used as an interim measure by the Australian ONIX group to carry local availability status, but will be replaced on completion of the revised code lists. The element will be withdrawn from the ONIX format in a future release.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 63</a>
Reference name	<IntermediaryAvailabilityCode>
Short tag	<j348>
Example	

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**New supplier composite**

A group of data elements which together specify a new supply source to which orders are referred. Use only when the code in **<ProductAvailability>** or **<AvailabilityCode>** indicates “no longer available from us, refer to new supplier”. Only one occurrence of the composite is permitted in this context.

Reference name	<NewSupplier>
Short tag	<newsupplier>

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**PR.24.24 EAN location number**

An EAN-13 location number identifying a supplier. Now also known as an “EAN-UCC Global Location Number” or GLN. Optional and non-repeating, but each occurrence of the **<NewSupplier>** composite must carry *either* at least one supplier identifier, *or* a **<SupplierName>**.

Format	Fixed-length, thirteen numeric digits, of which the last is a check digit.
Reference name	<SupplierEANLocationNumber>
Short tag	<j135>
Example	5012340098745

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**PR.24.25 SAN**

A book trade Standard Address Number identifying a supplier. Used in the US and UK. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<NewSupplier>** composite must carry *either* at least one supplier identifier, *or* a **<SupplierName>**.

Format	Fixed-length, seven characters. The first six are numeric digits, and the seventh is a check character which may be a numeric digit or letter X.
Reference name	<SupplierSAN>
Short tag	<j136>
Example	978847X

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**Supplier identifier composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together define the identifier of a supplier in accordance with a specified scheme, and allowing different types of supplier identifier to be included without defining additional data elements. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<NewSupplier>** composite must carry *either* at least one supplier identifier, *or* a **<SupplierName>**.

Reference name      <SupplierIdentifier>

Short tag            <supplieridentifier>

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**PR.24.26 Supplier identifier type code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SupplierIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format              Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list           [List 92](#)

Reference name    <SupplierIDType>

Short tag           <j345>

Example            02

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**PR.24.27 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<SupplierIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format              Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name    <IDTypeName>

Short tag           <b233>

Example            KNO

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**PR.24.28 Identifier value****NEW**

An identifier of the type specified in the **<SupplierIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<SupplierIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format              According to the identifier type specified in **<SupplierIDType>**

Reference name    <IDValue>

Short tag           <b244>

Example            12345678

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**End of supplier identifier composite**

**PR.24.29 Supplier name**

The name of a supplier. Optional and non-repeating; required if no supplier identifier is sent in an occurrence of the **<NewSupplier>** composite.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<SupplierName>
Short tag	<j137>
Example	<i>Littlehampton Book Services</i>

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**PR.24.30 Supplier telephone number**

A telephone number of a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<TelephoneNumber>
Short tag	<j270>
Example	<i>+44 20 8843 8607</i>

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**PR.24.31 Supplier fax number**

A fax number of a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<FaxNumber>
Short tag	<j271>
Example	<i>+44 20 8843 8744</i>

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**PR.24.32 Supplier email address**

An email address for a supply source from which the product may be ordered by a trade customer. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<EmailAddress>
Short tag	<j272>
Example	<i>david@polecat.dircon.co.uk</i>

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**End of new supplier composite**

**PR.24.33 Expected availability date (ship date) format**

An ONIX code which specifies the format of the date in **<ExpectedShipDate>**. Optional and non-repeating. If the field is omitted, the default format YYYYMMDD will be assumed.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 55</a>
Reference name	<DateFormat>
Short tag	<j260>
Example	01     “Year and month” format YYYYMM

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**PR.24.34 Expected availability date (ship date)**

If the product is not currently available, the date on which shipping from the supplier to retailers is expected to begin or resume. Optional and non-repeating; required with certain code values in the **<AvailabilityCode>** element. The format is as specified in the **<DateFormat>** field. The default format is YYYYMMDD, ie an exact year-month-day.

Format	Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD) or as specified in <b>&lt;DateFormat&gt;</b>
Reference name	<ExpectedShipDate>
Short tag	<j142>
Example	20000609

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**PR.24.35 On sale date**

The date when a new product can be placed on sale by retailers in the market served by the supplier. Optional and non-repeating. **If the <OnSaleDate> element is used, it means that there is an embargo on sales to consumers before the stated date. Otherwise, sales to consumers are permitted as soon as stocks reach retailers.** In the UK, publishers who are following the PA/BA Launch Dates Code of Practice should use this element for the Launch Date.

Format	Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)
Reference name	<OnSaleDate>
Short tag	<j143>
Example	20000616

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**PR.24.36 Order time**

The expected average number of days from receipt of order to despatch (for items “manufactured on demand” or “only to order” ). Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, one or two digits only
Reference name	<OrderTime>
Short tag	<j144>
Example	7

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**Stock quantity composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify a quantity of stock and, where a supplier has more than one warehouse, a supplier location. Optional.

Reference name <Stock>

Short tag <stock>

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**Location identifier composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together define the identifier of a stock location in accordance with a specified scheme, and allowing different types of location identifier to be supported without defining additional data elements. Optional and non-repeating.

Reference name <LocationIdentifier>

Short tag <locationidentifier>

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**PR.24.37 Location identifier type code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the <IDValue> element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <LocationIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list [List 92](#)

Reference name <LocationIDType>

Short tag <j377>

Example 02 Proprietary

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**PR.24.38 Identifier type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when the code in the <LocationIDType> element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name <IDTypeName>

Short tag <b233>

Example *Ingram*

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**PR.24.39 Identifier value****NEW**

An identifier of the type specified in the <LocationIDType> element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <LocationIdentifier> composite, and non-repeating.

Format According to the identifier type specified in <LocationIDType>

Reference name <IDValue>

Short tag <b244>

Example 12345678

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**End of location identifier composite**

**PR.24.40 Location name****NEW**

The name of a stock location. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 100 characters

Reference name <LocationName>

Short tag <j349>

Example *Momence*

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**Stock quantity coded composite****NEW in Revision 03**

A group of data elements which together specify coded stock level without stating the exact quantity of stock. Either <StockQuantityCoded> or <OnHand> is mandatory in each occurrence of the <Stock> composite, even if the onhand quantity is zero. Non-repeating.

Reference name <StockQuantityCoded>

Short tag <stockquantitycoded>

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**PR.24.40A Stock quantity code type****NEW in Revision 03**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the value in the <StockQuantityCode> element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <StockQuantityCoded> composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Reference name <StockQuantityCodeType>

Code list [List 70](#)

Short tag <j293>

Example *02*

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**PR.24.40B Stock quantity code type name****NEW in Revision 03**

A name that identifies a proprietary stock quantity coding scheme when the code in the <StockQuantityCodeType> element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional, and non-repeating.

Format Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name <StockQuantityCodeTypeName>

Short tag <j296>

Example *Ingram*

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**PR.24.40C Stock quantity code****NEW in Revision 03**

A code value taken from the scheme specified in the <StockQuantityCodeType> element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the <StockQuantityCoded> composite, and non-repeating.

Format According to the scheme specified in <StockQuantityCodeType>

Reference name <StockQuantityCode>

Short tag <j297>

Example *LOW*

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**End of stock quantity coded composite****PR.24.41 Quantity on hand****NEW**

The quantity of stock on hand. Either **<StockQuantityCoded>** or **<OnHand>** is mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Stock>** composite, even if the onhand quantity is zero. Non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 7 digits
Reference name	<OnHand>
Short tag	<j350>
Example	4259

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**PR.24.42 Quantity on order****NEW**

The quantity of stock on order. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 7 digits
Reference name	<OnOrder>
Short tag	<j351>
Example	600

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**PR.24.43 Committed backorder quantity****NEW**

The quantity of stock on order which is already committed to meet backorders. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 7 digits
Reference name	<CBO>
Short tag	<j375>
Example	244

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**On order detail composite****NEW in Revision 03**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify details of a stock shipment currently awaited, normally from overseas. Optional.

Reference name	<OnOrderDetail>
Short tag	<onorderdetail>

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**PR.24.43A Quantity in shipment****NEW in Revision 03**

The quantity of stock on order. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<OnOrderDetail>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 7 digits
Reference name	<OnOrder>
Short tag	<j351>
Example	600

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**PR.24.43B Shipment expected date****NEW in Revision 03**

The date on which a stock shipment is expected. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<OnOrderDetail>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, 8 numeric digits, YYYYMMDD

Reference name **<ExpectedDate>**

Short tag **<j302>**

Example 20060227

**End of on order detail composite****End of stock quantity composite****PR.24.44 Pack or carton quantity**

The quantity in each carton or binder's pack in stock currently held by the supplier. (This element is placed in Group PR.24 since it cannot be assumed that pack quantities will be the same for stock held at different suppliers.)

Format Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length four digits

Reference name **<PackQuantity>**

Short tag **<j145>**

Example 24

**PR.24.45 Audience restriction flag**

Used with **<AudienceRestrictionNote>** where within a particular market there is an additional restriction on sale, imposed either by the publisher (eg an answer book to be sold only to *bona fide* teachers) or by another agency (eg "indexing" in the German market). Optional and non-repeating.

Format Provisional: fixed-length, single letter

Code list [List 56](#)

Reference name **<AudienceRestrictionFlag>**

Short tag **<j146>**

Example R

**PR.24.46 Audience restriction note**

Free text describing a non-territorial restriction on supply, only when **<AudienceRestrictionFlag>** is present. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, maximum 300 characters

Reference name **<AudienceRestrictionNote>**

Short tag **<j147>**

Example *Answer book available only to teachers*

**PR.24.47 Unpriced item type**

An ONIX code which specifies a reason why a price amount is not sent. **If code value 02 is used to send advance information without giving a price, the price must be confirmed as soon as possible.** Optional and non-repeating, but required if the **<SupplyDetail>** composite does not carry a price.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 57</a>
Reference name	<UnpricedItemType>
Short tag	<j192>
Example	01

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**PR.24.48 Price amount****DEPRECATED**

The amount of a unit price. This price amount element, outside of the **<Price>** composite, may be used if and only if a default price type and currency have been specified in the message header, and only one price is to be given. **The element is retained for purposes of upwards compatibility only, and all new implementations should use the <Price> composite.**

Format	Variable length real number, with explicit decimal point when required, suggested maximum length 12 characters
Reference name	<PriceAmount>
Short tag	<j151>
Example	18.99

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**Price composite**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify a unit price.

Reference name	<Price>
Short tag	<price>

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**PR.24.49 Price type code**

An ONIX code indicating the type of the price in the **<PriceAmount>** field within the **<Price>** composite. Optional, provided that a **<DefaultPriceTypeCode>** has been specified in the message header, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 58</a>
Reference name	<PriceTypeCode>
Short tag	<j148>
Example	21

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**PR.24.50 Price type qualifier**

An ONIX code which further specifies the type of price, eg *member price*, *reduced price when purchased as part of a set*. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list [List 59](#)

Reference name <PriceQualifier>

Short tag <j261>

Example 01

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**PR.24.51 Price type description**

Free text which further describes the price type. Optional and non-repeating. In the Netherlands, when the <PriceQualifier> code identifies a “voucher price”, the <PriceTypeDescription> should give the “EAN action number” that identifies the offer.

Format Text, suggested maximum length 200 characters

Reference name <PriceTypeDescription>

Short tag <j262>

Example *When purchased as part of a three-item set with ...*

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**PR.24.52 Unit of pricing**

An ONIX code indicating the unit of product which is the basis for the price carried in an occurrence of the <Price> composite. Optional and non-repeating. Where the price applies to a copy of the whole product, this field is normally omitted.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list [List 60](#)

Reference name <PricePer>

Short tag <j239>

Example 01

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**PR.24.53 Minimum order quantity**

The minimum number of copies which must be ordered to obtain the price carried in an occurrence of the <Price> composite. Optional and non-repeating. If the field is present, the price is a quantity price. If the field is omitted, the price applies to a single unit.

Format Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 digits

Reference name <MinimumOrderQuantity>

Short tag <j263>

Example 50

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**Batch bonus composite**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify a batch bonus, ie a quantity of free copies which are supplied with a certain order quantity. The **<BatchBonus>** composite is optional.

Reference name      <BatchBonus>

Short tag            <batchbonus>

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**PR.24.54 Batch quantity**

The number of copies which must be ordered to obtain the free copies specified in **<FreeQuantity>**. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<BatchBonus>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 digits

Reference name      <BatchQuantity>

Short tag            <j264>

Example              20

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**PR.24.55 Free quantity**

The number of free copies which will be supplied with an order for the batch quantity specified in the **<BatchQuantity>** field. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<BatchBonus>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Variable-length integer, suggested maximum length 4 digits

Reference name      <FreeQuantity>

Short tag            <j265>

Example              1

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**End of batch bonus composite****PR.24.56 Class of trade****USA only**

Text indicating the class of trade to which the price carried in an occurrence of the **<Price>** composite is applicable, eg *Institutional*, *General trade*, *Wholesale distributor*, which may be represented by a suitable code or abbreviation agreed between trading partners. This element should be used only in the absence of a "Default class of trade" **<m193>** in the message header, or when the class of trade is other than the default.

Format                Text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name      <ClassOfTrade>

Short tag            <j149>

Example              *gen*

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**PR.24.57 BIC discount group code****UK only**

A BIC code indicating the supplier's discount group to which the price carried in an occurrence of the **<Price>** composite belongs. This code does not identify an absolute rate of discount, but it allows a bookseller to derive the actual discount by reference to a look-up table provided separately by the supplier.

Format	Fixed-length, 8 characters	
	Position 1	A (identifying BIC as the source of the supplier code)
	Positions 2-5	Supplier code, alphabetical, assigned by BIC
	Positions 6-8	Discount group code, alphanumeric, assigned by the supplier. If less than three characters, the code is left justified and unused positions are sent as spaces.
Reference name	<BICDiscountGroupCode>	
Short tag	<j150>	
Example	APUBL122	

**Discount code composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together define a discount code from a specified scheme, and allowing different discount code schemes to be supported without defining additional data elements. Optional.

Reference name	<DiscountCoded>
Short tag	<discountcoded>

**PR.24.58 Discount code type code****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the value in the **<DiscountCode>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<DiscountCoded>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits	
Code list	<a href="#">List 100</a>	
Reference name	<DiscountCodeType>	
Short tag	<j363>	
Example	02    Proprietary	

**PR.24.59 Discount code type name****NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary discount code when the code in the **<DiscountCodeType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme, eg a wholesaler's own code. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters	
Reference name	<DiscountCodeTypeName>	
Short tag	<j378>	
Example	Ingram	

**PR.24.60 Discount code value****NEW**

A discount code from the scheme specified in the **<DiscountCodeType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<DiscountCoded>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the scheme specified in <b>&lt;DiscountCodeType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<b>&lt;DiscountCode&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j364&gt;</b>
Example	12345678

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**End of discount code composite****PR.24.61 Discount percentage**

The supplier's discount percentage applicable to the price carried in an occurrence of the **<Price>** composite. Optional and non-repeating. Use only when an ONIX message is sent within the context of a specific trading relationship.

Format	Variable-length numeric, including decimal point if required, suggested maximum length 6 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;DiscountPercent&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j267&gt;</b>
Example	37.5

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**PR.24.62 Price status**

An ONIX code which specifies the status of a price. Optional and non-repeating. If the field is omitted, the default "unspecified" will apply.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code list	<a href="#">List 61</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;PriceStatus&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j266&gt;</b>
Example	01

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**PR.24.63 Price amount**

The amount of a price. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Price>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	Variable length real number, with explicit decimal point when required, suggested maximum length 12 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;PriceAmount&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j151&gt;</b>
Example	18.99

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**PR.24.64 Currency code**

An ISO standard code identifying the currency in which a price is given in **<PriceAmount>**, unless it is the default currency for the exchange. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, three letters
Code list	ISO 4217 currency codes - <a href="#">List 96</a>
Reference name	<CurrencyCode>
Short tag	<j152>
Example	NLG

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**PR.24.65 Country code**

A code identifying a country in which the price given in **<PriceAmount>** applies. This allows a supplier to list different prices for specific countries by repeating the **<Price>** composite rather than having to repeat the whole of the **<SupplyDetail>** composite. Optional, and repeatable if a single price applies to multiple countries.

Format	Fixed-length, two letters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>
Reference name	<CountryCode>
Short tag	<b251>
Example	GB

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**PR.24.65A Territory****NEW in Revision 03**

One or more ONIX codes identifying a territory, other than a country, in which the price given in **<PriceAmount>** applies. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus the element can carry an unlimited number of territory codes. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	One or more variable-length codes, each consisting of upper case letters with or without a hyphen, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Code list	<a href="#">List 49</a> Where possible and appropriate, country subdivision codes are derived from the UN LOCODE scheme based on ISO 3166.
Reference name	<Territory>
Short tag	<j303>
Example	ES-CN      Canary Islands

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**PR.24.65B Country excluded****NEW in Revision 03**

One or more ISO standard codes identifying a country which is excluded from a territory specified in **<Territory>**. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus, a single occurrence of the element can carry an unlimited number of country codes. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	One or more fixed-length codes, each with two upper case letters, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 300 characters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;CountryExcluded&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j304&gt;</b>
Example	<i>US CA</i>

**PR.24.65C Territory excluded****NEW in Revision 03**

One or more ONIX codes identifying a territory, which is excluded from a country specified in **<CountryCode>** or from a territory specified in **<Territory>**. Successive codes may be separated by spaces. Thus the element can carry an unlimited number of territory codes. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	One or more variable-length codes, each consisting of upper case letters with or without a hyphen, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 100 characters.
Code list	<a href="#">List 49</a> Where possible and appropriate, country subdivision codes are derived from the UN LOCODE scheme based on ISO 3166.
Reference name	<b>&lt;TerritoryExcluded&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j308&gt;</b>
Example	<i>ES-CN</i> <i>Canary Islands</i>

**PR.24.66 Tax rate 1, coded**

A code which specifies a value added tax rate applying to the whole of the price, or to the amount of the price which is specified in **<TaxableAmount1>** if present. Optional and non-repeating.

If the product is taxable at a single rate, or is wholly exempt or zero-rated, **<TaxRateCode1>** may be sent on its own, or with any combination of **<TaxRatePercent1>**, **<TaxableAmount1>** and **<TaxAmount1>**, although it is best practise to send all these three elements.

If the product carries mixed tax rates, the minimum requirement is to send **<TaxRateCode1>**, **<TaxRateCode2>**, **<TaxableAmount1>** and **<TaxableAmount2>**, though again best practise would be to send all eight tax elements so that the tax calculation is made entirely explicit.

Format	Fixed-length, one letter.
Code list	<a href="#">List 62</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxRateCode1&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j153&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Z</i>

**PR.24.67 Tax rate 1, percent**

A tax rate expressed numerically as a percentage. See notes on **<TaxRateCode1>**.

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point where required.
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxRatePercent1&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j154&gt;</b>
Example	17.5

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**PR.24.68 Amount of price taxable at tax rate 1**

The amount of the unit price of the product, excluding tax, which is taxable at the rate specified by **<TaxRateCode1>** and/or **<TaxRatePercent1>**. This may be the whole of the unit price before tax, if the item carries tax at the same rate on the whole price; or part of the unit price in the case of a mixed tax rate product. See notes on **<TaxRateCode1>**.

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point where required.
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxableAmount1&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j155&gt;</b>
Example	10.64

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**PR.24.69 Tax amount at tax rate 1**

The amount of tax chargeable at the rate specified by **<TaxRateCode1>** and/or **<TaxRatePercent1>**. See notes on **<TaxRateCode1>**.

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point where required.
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxAmount1&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j156&gt;</b>
Example	1.86

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**PR.24.70 Tax rate 2, coded**

A code which specifies a value added tax rate applying to the amount of the price which is specified in **<TaxableAmount2>**. See notes on **<TaxRateCode1>**.

Format	Fixed-length, one letter.
Code list	<a href="#">List 62</a>
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxRateCode2&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j157&gt;</b>
Example	Z

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**PR.24.71 Tax rate 2, percent**

A tax rate expressed numerically as a percentage. See notes on **<TaxRateCode1>**.

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point where required.
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxRatePercent2&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j158&gt;</b>
Example	17.5

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**PR.24.72 Amount of price taxable at tax rate 2**

The amount of the unit price of the product, excluding tax, which is taxable at the rate specified by **<TaxRateCode2>** and/or **<TaxRatePercent2>**. This may be the whole of the unit price before tax, if the item carries tax at the same rate on the whole price; or part of the unit price in the case of a mixed tax rate product. See notes on **<TaxRateCode1>**.

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point where required.
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxableAmount2&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j159&gt;</b>
Example	10.64

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**PR.24.73 Tax amount at tax rate 2**

The amount of tax chargeable at the rate specified by **<TaxRateCode2>** and/or **<TaxRatePercent2>**. See notes on **<TaxRateCode1>**.

Format	Variable length real number, with an explicit decimal point where required.
Reference name	<b>&lt;TaxAmount2&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j160&gt;</b>
Example	1.86

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**PR.24.74 Price effective from**

The date from which a price becomes effective. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)
Reference name	<b>&lt;PriceEffectiveFrom&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j161&gt;</b>
Example	20000616

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**PR.24.75 Price effective until**

The date until which a price remains effective. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)
Reference name	<b>&lt;PriceEffectiveUntil&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j162&gt;</b>
Example	20000615

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**End of price composite**



**Reissue composite****NEW**

A group of data elements which together specify that a product is to be reissued within the market to which the **<SupplyDetail>** composite applies. Optional and non-repeating. The **<Reissue>** composite is used only when the publisher intends to re-launch the product under the same ISBN. There are two possible cases:

(a) When the product is unavailable during the period immediately before reissue. In this case, the **<AvailabilityCode>** should carry the value *UR* for “unavailable, awaiting reissue”, and the ONIX record can be updated to describe the reissued product as soon as details can be made available.

(b) When the product is still available during the period up to the reissue date. In this case, the ONIX record should continue to describe the existing product and the **<AvailabilityCode>** value should remain *IP* right up to the reissue date. At that date, the record should be updated to describe the reissued product, with the **<AvailabilityCode>** value remaining *IP*.

After reissue, it is recommended that the **<Reissue>** composite should be retained as a permanent element of the ONIX record, carrying only the **<ReissueDate>** element, which will then indicate “date last reissued”.

Reference name      <Reissue>

Short tag            <reissue>

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**PR.24.76 Reissue date****NEW**

The date on which the product will be reissued, or (after reissue) the date when it was last reissued. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Reissue>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Date as year, month, day (YYYYMMDD)

Reference name      <ReissueDate>

Short tag            <j365>

Example              20030616

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**PR.24.77 Reissue description****NEW**

Text explaining the nature of the reissue. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Free text, suggested maximum length 500 characters

Reference name      <ReissueDescription>

Short tag            <j366>

Example

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**Price composite****NEW**

A optional and repeatable group of data elements which together specify a unit price, used here to indicate a price that will apply when the product is reissued. **Please see above, within Group PR.24, for details.**

Reference name      <Price>

Short tag             <price>

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**End of price composite****Media file composite****NEW**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to an image, audio or video file, used here to indicate that there is a new cover or jacket image for a reissue. **Please see Group PR.16 for details.**

Reference name      <MediaFile>

Short tag             <mediafile>

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**End of media file composite****End of reissue composite****End of supplier and trade data composite**

## PR.25 Market representation

Group PR.25 gives information about a sales agent or local publisher in a specified market, as opposed to a distributor, for which see Group PR.24. This optional data element group is intended for use in countries where a substantial proportion of the market consists of imported books, and allows a sales agent or “local publisher” to be identified, along with a local view of the publishing status. Thus the **<PublishingStatus>** element in PR.20 gives a “global” view of publishing status; the **<MarketPublishingStatus>** element in PR.25 gives a “local market” view of publishing status; and the **<ProductAvailability>** element in PR.24 gives a “distribution warehouse” view of physical availability.

### Market representation composite

**NEW**

A group of data elements which together specify a territorial market and the identity of a sales agent or local publisher responsible for marketing the product therein. Optional and repeatable.

Reference name      <MarketRepresentation>

Short tag            <marketrepresentation>

### Agent identifier composite

**NEW**

A group of data elements together defining the identifier of an agent or local publisher in accordance with a specified scheme. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<MarketRepresentation>** composite must carry *either* at least one agent identifier, *or* an **<AgentName>**. Repeatable only if two or more identifiers are sent using different schemes.

Reference name      <AgentIdentifier>

Short tag            <agentidentifier>

### PR.25.1 Agent identifier type code

**NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the scheme from which the identifier in the **<IDValue>** element is taken. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<AgentIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, 2 numeric digits

Code list            [List 92](#)

Reference name      <AgentIDType>

Short tag            <j400>

Example              02

### PR.25.2 Identifier type name

**NEW**

A name which identifies a proprietary identifier scheme when, and only when, the code in the **<AgentIDType>** element indicates a proprietary scheme. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Free text, suggested maximum length 50 characters

Reference name      <IDTypeName>

Short tag            <b233>

Example              KNO

**PR.25.3 Identifier value****NEW**

An identifier of the type specified in the **<AgentIDType>** element. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<AgentIdentifier>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format	According to the identifier type specified in <b>&lt;AgentIDType&gt;</b>
Reference name	<b>&lt;IDValue&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;b244&gt;</b>
Example	<i>12345678</i>

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**End of agent identifier composite****PR.25.4 Agent name****NEW**

The name of an agent or local publisher. Optional and non-repeating; required if no agent identifier is sent in an occurrence of the **<MarketRepresentation>** composite.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;AgentName&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j401&gt;</b>
Example	<i>Littlehampton Book Services</i>

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**PR.25.5 Agent telephone number****NEW**

A telephone number of an agent or local publisher. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;TelephoneNumber&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j270&gt;</b>
Example	<i>+44 20 8843 8607</i>

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**PR.25.6 Agent fax number****NEW**

A fax number of an agent or local publisher. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 20 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;FaxNumber&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j271&gt;</b>
Example	<i>+44 20 8843 8744</i>

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**PR.25.7 Agent email address****NEW**

An email address for an agent or local publisher. Optional and repeatable.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 100 characters
Reference name	<b>&lt;EmailAddress&gt;</b>
Short tag	<b>&lt;j272&gt;</b>
Example	<i>david@polecat.dircon.co.uk</i>

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**Website composite****NEW**

An optional and repeatable group of data elements which together identify and provide pointers to a website which is related to the agent or local publisher identified in an occurrence of the **<MarketRepresentation>** composite.

Reference name      <Website>

Short tag            <website>

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**PR.25.8 Website purpose****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the role or purpose of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list            [List 73](#)

Reference name      <WebsiteRole>

Short tag            <b367>

Example              05

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**PR.25.9 Website description****NEW**

Free text describing the nature of the website which is linked through the **<WebsiteLink>** element. Optional and non-repeating.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters (XHTML is enabled in this element – see *ONIX for Books – Product Information Message – XML Message Specification*, Section 7)

Reference name      <WebsiteDescription>

Short tag            <b294>

Example

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**PR.25.10 Link to website****NEW**

The URL for the website. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<Website>** composite, and non-repeating.

Format                Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name      <WebsiteLink>

Short tag            <b295>

Example              <http://xyzbooks.com>

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**End of website composite**

**PR.25.11 Agent role****NEW**

An ONIX code identifying the role of an agent in relation to the product in the specified market, eg *Exclusive sales agent, Local publisher*, etc. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Fixed-length, two numeric digits.

Code list [List 69](#)

Reference name <AgentRole>

Short tag <j402>

Example 07 Local publisher

**PR.25.12 Market country****NEW**

One or more ISO standard codes identifying a country in which the agent or local publisher markets the product. Successive codes are separated by spaces. Thus, a single occurrence of the element can carry an unlimited number of country codes. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<MarketRepresentation>** composite must carry either an occurrence of **<MarketCountry>** or an occurrence of **<MarketTerritory>**, to specify the market concerned. Non-repeating.

Format One or more fixed-length codes, each with two upper case letters, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 600 characters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]

Code list ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - [List 91](#)

Reference name <MarketCountry>

Short tag <j403>

Example US CA USA and Canada

**PR.25.13 Market territory****NEW**

One or more ONIX codes identifying a territory which is not a country, but which is precisely defined in geographical terms, eg *World, Northern Ireland, Australian Capital Territory*. Successive codes are separated by spaces. Thus the element can carry an unlimited number of territory codes. Optional, but each occurrence of the **<MarketRepresentation>** composite must carry either an occurrence of **<MarketCountry>** or an occurrence of **<MarketTerritory>**, to specify the market concerned. Non-repeating.

Format One or more variable-length codes, each consisting of upper case letters with or without a hyphen, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 100 characters.

Code list [List 49](#) Where possible and appropriate, country subdivision codes are derived from the UN LOCODE scheme based on ISO 3166.

Reference name <MarketTerritory>

Short tag <j404>

Examples WORLD Whole world  
GB-EWS UK excluding Northern Ireland

**PR.25.14 Market country excluded****NEW**

One or more ISO standard codes identifying a country which is excluded from a territory specified in **<MarketTerritory>**. Successive codes are separated by spaces. Thus, a single occurrence of the element can carry an unlimited number of country codes. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	One or more fixed-length codes, each with two upper case letters, successive codes being separated by spaces. Suggested maximum length 300 characters. [Note that ISO 3166-1 specifies that country codes shall be sent as upper case only.]
Code list	ISO 3166-1 two-letter country codes - <a href="#">List 91</a>
Reference name	<MarketCountryExcluded>
Short tag	<j405>
Example	US CA

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**PR.25.15 Market restriction detail****NEW**

A free text field describing a non-geographical restriction of the market covered by a sales agent or local publisher. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name	<MarketRestrictionDetail>
Short tag	<j406>
Example	

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**PR.25.16 Market publishing status****NEW**

An ONIX code which identifies the status of a published product in the market defined in an occurrence of the **<MarketRepresentation>** composite. Optional and non-repeating.

Format	Fixed-length, two numeric digits.
Code list	<a href="#">List 68</a>
Reference name	<MarketPublishingStatus>
Short tag	<j407>
Example	02    Forthcoming

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**Market date composite****NEW**

A repeatable group of data elements which together specify a date associated with the publishing status of the product in the market identified in an occurrence of the **<MarketRepresentation>** composite, eg local publication date.

Reference name      <MarketDate>

Short tag            <marketdate>

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**PR.25.17 Market date role code****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the significance of the date. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<MarketDate>** composite.

Format              Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list           [List 67](#)

Reference name      <MarketDateRole>

Short tag            <j408>

Example              01      Local publication date

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**PR.25.18 Date format****NEW**

An ONIX code indicating the format in which the date is given in **<Date>**. Optional and non-repeating. When omitted, the format is assumed to be YYYYMMDD.

Format              Fixed-length, two numeric digits

Code list           [List 55](#)

Reference name      <DateFormat>

Short tag            <j260>

Example              05

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**PR.25.19 Date****NEW**

The date specified in the **<MarketDateRole>** field. Mandatory in each occurrence of the **<MarketDate>** composite.

Format              As specified by the value in **<DateFormat>**: default YYYYMMDD

Reference name      <Date>

Short tag            <b306>

Example              20010106

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**End of market date composite****End of market representation composite**



## PR.26 Sales promotion information

This Group gives information about the publisher's current promotional activity in support of the product and other detail intended primarily for book trade use.

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### PR.26.1 Promotion campaign information

Free text describing the promotion and adverting campaign for the product. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 1,000 characters

Reference name <PromotionCampaign>

Short tag <k165>

Example

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### PR.26.2 Promotion contact details

Free text giving the name, department, phone number, email address etc for a promotional contact person for the product. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters

Reference name <PromotionContact>

Short tag <k166>

Example

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### PR.26.3 Initial print run

In advance information about a new book, free text detailing the number of copies which will be printed and any related aspects of the initial publishing effort. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters

Reference name <InitialPrintRun>

Short tag <k167>

Example

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### PR.26.3A Reprint detail

### NEW in Revision 03

Free text used to give details of the reprint history as part of the promotion of a book. Optional, and repeatable to give information about successive reprintings.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters

Reference name <ReprintDetail>

Short tag <k309>

Example

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**PR.26.4 Copies sold**

Free text detailing the number of copies already sold, eg for a new paperback, the copies sold in hardback. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters

Reference name <CopiesSold>

Short tag <k168>

Example

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**PR.26.5 Book club adoption**

Free text describing the adoption of the product as a book club selection. Optional and non-repeating.

Format Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 200 characters

Reference name <BookClubAdoption>

Short tag <k169>

Example *Book-Of-The-Month Club selection for May 2000*

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