

PREFACE

This publication integrates each of the latest editions of the Library of Congress (LC) classification schedules with all pertinent changes issued by LC after the release of each schedule. The material included in each volume covers the period from the publication date of each schedule through the December, 2001 (List 284) issue of LC quarterly print publication *Library of Congress Classification - Additions and Changes* and the online *Library of Congress Classification Weekly Lists, 2002-2005*. This series of cumulations has been prepared by a staff of professional librarians at Gale.

A Valuable Tool

The use of this publication eases the painstaking task of classification immeasurably. No longer is it necessary to determine where and how the additions and changes relate to the schedule. All classification information through 2005 has been interfiled into one sequence.

Validation Procedures

The full text of each schedule and its index have been meticulously combined with all the changes issued by LC. Although there is no official connection between Gale and LC in the preparation of this publication, LC generously provided the editors with information when questions of form or problems of interpretation arose during the integration process.

Frequency of publication

Completely updated volumes of *Library of Congress Classification Schedules Combined with Additions and Changes* are published annually.

A Standardized Gale Style

In 1994 a new Gale classification database was constructed that allowed for a more efficient, accurate, and flexible interaction with the data. Data elements were normalized and the varying styles of the printed schedules were standardized into one Gale style. Much of this style originated with the announced Library of Congress changes in which footnotes would be eliminated; "Divide like" notes would be replaced with developments; "General works" captions would be reinstated; and many internal tables changed into external tables.

A Noteworthy Gale Feature

In the schedules Gale is adding editorial notes in textual situations where such notes would be beneficial to users. These notes direct the user to another location or define, clarify, or elaborate abbreviated or ambiguous instruction or description. These notes are easily identified by the label "GALE NOTE."

For example, many times in the Library of Congress text, the word "modified" appears after a table reference when

subtopics are listed below such a caption that contains a table reference. In these cases, the cataloger would adjust the table by integrating the subtopics into the table development. Whenever a table modification is implied or when the word “modified” appears following a table reference in the Library of Congress text, the following GALE NOTE will appear:

GALE NOTE To develop this number range, integrate the subtopics into the table structure.

Some Gale notes reiterate Library of Congress instruction in places lacking such direction. For example, the Library of Congress occasionally adds the definition of “.x” in cutter number tables. Gale will add this following definition to all tables that contain this symbolic cutter number:

GALE NOTE “.x” represents the cutter number for ...

Each year Gale will systematically add new notes to make *SUPERLCCS* easier to use and to make its content more accessible to its users.

The GALE NOTE is just one of the many suggestions adopted from recommendations made by an Advisory Board.

Notes Relating to Specific Volumes

The Library of Congress recently published seven new editions: *Class G: Geography, Maps, Anthropology, Recreation; Class H: Social Sciences; Subclass KF: Law of the United States; Class L: Education; Subclasses PB-BH: Modern European Languages; Subclasses PJ-PK: Oriental Philology and Literature, Indo-Iranian Philology and Literature; Subclass PT: German, Dutch, and Scandinavian Literatures*. These new editions are incorporated into Gale’s current 2005 publication cycle.

If any other new LC editions are released during the *SUPERLCCS* production cycle, Gale will attempt to incorporate these editions if time permits.

In 1999 Library of Congress issued a new schedule, *K Tables, Form Division Tables for Law*. Since some of the law schedules already include tables at the end of the text, Gale, as a convenience to its customers, will include these new K Tables at the end of those schedules to which they apply. Tables of subdivisions referred to in the text of the Class P schedules are found in a separate schedule, *Language and Literature Tables*, reissued by the Library of Congress in 1998.

Suggestions Are Welcome

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