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## Foreword

(This Foreword is not a part of American National Standard ANSI/NISO Z39.9-1992, but is included for information only.)

The revision to this standard was approved by the membership of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) in 1991. The changes made from the 1984 revision to this standard address the concerns of those who provided comments and take into account the 1991 discussions about the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) held by Directors of the International Serials Data System.

The scope statement and its section title have been revised. The word "use" in the first sentence was changed to "presentation" to more accurately represent that the standard applies to the structure and printing and display of the ISSN. Although the ISSN is used widely in a variety of applications for serials, the standard's purpose is to prescribe how the ISSN appears on the item or in displays and to designate the authority for administration.

Section 3.2.2 was added to stress that new ISSN assignments are made for title changes. Although the language about title changes has been in the standard, differentiating it in a separate section provides added emphasis.

Section 4 was restructured and incorporates comments made by those who wished to elaborate on and clarify the relationship of ISSN to other codes. In addition, the section on presentation specifies a priority for printing the ISSN and suggests locations for its display in non-print formats.

The language describing the central authority has been expanded and specific functions have been included in Appendix B. Following NISO Board policy, a statement on a maintenance agency also has been added as Section 6.

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Suggestions for improving this standard are welcome. They should be sent to the National Information Standards Organization, P.O. Box 1056, Bethesda, MD 20827 (301) 975-2814.

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