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**Troubleshooting Bibs with Multiple ISBNs During Bulk add PO**

If a bibliographic record contains only two ISBNs, and they are identical with the only difference being that one is the 13-digit equivalent of the 10-digit ISBN, then the 13-digit ISBN will be loaded in the top-most position, regardless of its order in the bibliographic record.

However, when a 020 subfield z is present Polaris functions differently because the $z is viewed as a third ISBN. When bulk adding a bibliographic record to a PO and a bibliographic record has multiple ISBNs or UPCs, the last, most-recently added ISBN (and associated price), or the last, most-recently added UPC displays in the first, top-most position in a purchase order line item or selection list line item. This is true whenever multiple, non-matching ISBNs are present in a bib record.

Since there is a chance for the wrong ISBN to be added to a POLI whenever multiple ISBNs are present, there is a system administration setting to add an alert (!) to the POLI when the bibliographic record contains multiple ISBNs (Parameters > ACQ/Serials > Bulk add to PO: Add alert to PO line item for multiple ISBNs).



**Note:** It may be useful to speak your library's book vendor. They may provide a MARC profile setup that will allow you to strip out, upon export, unnecessary tags including 10-digit ISBNs, when the 13-digit ISBN is already present in the bibliographic record.

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