Multiple 505 fields for long contents notes

Aleph limits the size of each MARC field in bibliographic, authority, or holdings records to 2000 characters.

The MARC 21 505 Contents Note field occasionally exceeds the 2000-character limit. In this case, the contents data are divided into two or more 505 fields.

Constructing multiple 505 fields

When more than one 505 field is needed, the Harvard solution is as follows:

- The first indicator of the first 505 field defines the contents of all 505 fields as complete, incomplete, or partial.
- For second and subsequent 505 fields, first indicator value 8 (no display constant generated) is used.

Editing multiple 505 fields imported from a utility

When a utility record is imported into Aleph, Aleph assigns a subfield 9 with the content of ▲ when it breaks a 505 field that exceeds 2000 characters into two or more 505 fields. Because subfield 9 will be used with paired fields at Harvard (transliterated Latin and CJK vernacular pairs), please remove the subfield 9 from 505 fields, and correct end-of-field punctuation as needed, before saving the record to the server.

Example of new import from OCLC:
Corrected 505 fields: