Comments received for
ISO 639-3 Change Request
2009-009

Outcome: Rejected
Effective date: 2010-01-18
Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2009-009: to create a new code element “[fsv] Old Swedish”.

The request to create a distinct code element for “Old Swedish” is rejected. The ISO 639 standard currently has a code element for Old Norse [non], with which the early stages of Swedish, Danish, and other Scandinavian languages are identified. The requester fails to acknowledge the dialectal relationship of Old Swedish to Old Norse.

Linguist List, which assists SIL International in regard to ancient, historical, and constructed languages, recommended against adoption of Old Swedish, because it is already considered to be within the scope of Old Norse, and should not be considered a language separate and distinct from Old Norse.