Comments received for
ISO 639-3 Change Request
2014-062

Outcome: Rejected
Effective date: January 12, 2014
Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2014-062: to create the code element [cmy] for Minkya Chin.

The request to create the code [cmy] for Minkya Chin is rejected. The RA notes that the New Code Request Form mentions that the few Minkya speakers mostly understand Mayin Chin. In this case, the Minkya Chin understand the better known Mayin dialect, but the Mayin did not understand the Minkya. This is typical of dialect chain situations where the minor dialects understand the more prestigious one, but not the other way around. The intelligibility values of near 90% also indicate that these are likely to be varieties of the same language. Mayin-Longpaw Chin also requested a code.

The RA suggests that the situation for Minkya, Mayin and Longpaw be reviewed and that any new request include reference to intelligibilities of all relevant dialects and languages.