

# ELI 1.5 Version Note

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## Summary

ELI 1.5 introduces slight modifications driven by modifications in the ELI-DL extension model.

The most significant change is the addition of a couple of high-level properties `eli:refers_to` / `eli:is_referred_to_by` at the Work or Expression level. “`refers_to`” is meant to indicate a reference from the content of a work to any other entity, be it another work, or an agent or activity. As such, `eli:refers_to` is a super-property of `eli:cites`.

Note that other kind of links such as `eli:changes`, `amends`, etc. Have not been declared subproperties of `eli:refers_to`, as they are to be understood from a legal perspective, not necessarily involving that the changes/amended work is actually written as a reference in the text.

## Backward-compatibility

*ELI 1.5 is backward compatible with ELI 1.4.*

*It is not required to change existing ELI metadata publication.*

## Semantic changes

- Introduced `eli:refers_to` / `eli:is_referred_to_by` on Work or Expression : “Any entity that this work or expression refers to ; typically references are made to other Works, but it can be also to legislative processes, persons, etc.”
- Made `eli:cites` / `eli:cited_by` subproperties of `eli:refers_to` / `eli:is_referred_to_by`
- Made `eli:cited_by_case_law` a subproperty of `eli:is_referred_to_by`
- Broaden `eli:number` to Work or Expression

## Editorial changes

*None*