

"LC" call numbers with alphabetic class "numbers"

- **Product:** Aleph
- **Product Version:** 20, 21, 22, 23
- **Relevant for Installation Type:** Dedicated-Direct, Direct, Local, Total Care

Description:

The "22" section of the `.xxx01/tab/tab_filing` has the following:

```
!* LC Call Numbers
22 del_subfield
22 lc_call_no
```

Two classification systems have 852 first indicator "8": the CalDoc classification system, used for California government documents; and a classification system developed in-house for use with a collection of haiku materials. An example of a CalDoc call number is F377.C35, and an example of a haiku call number is "HAIKU I14id 1990".

For the CalDoc call numbers, Aleph treats the number before the decimal point as a whole number, and the number in the cutter after the decimal point, as a decimal number. For the HAIKU call numbers, Aleph treats the number in the cutter after the word "HAIKU" as a whole number; it should be treated as a decimal.

Why is the system sorting the CalDoc call numbers correctly, but not the haiku numbers?

Resolution:

"HAIKU" is not a legitimate classification number. (An LC classification number consists of 1-3 capital letters followed by a number from 1 - 9999.) The Aleph `lc_call_no` routine looks for the first number in the call number, assumes it's the classification number, and treats it as a whole number.

To address this:

- * change the second indicator for the HAIKU call numbers from "8" to something else
- * create a separate index for these HAIKU call numbers
- * in the `tab_filing` entry for this index omit "lc_call_no".

Additional Info

See also Article ["LC filing routine sorts volume numbers incorrectly"](#)

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