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There have been various comments from compilers about error messages received from the report code IAEA-TECDOC-.

As suggested in the last sentence of CP-N/44, the problem is in the checking codes, not in the code IAEA-TECDOC- or in the dictionary.

Report codes in dictionary 6 are up to 11 characters long and the hyphen as separator is included in the code, *except for cases where the code itself is 11 characters long*: then the hyphen is omitted in the dictionary. See e.g. EXFOR Manual, page 7.23, footnote 5 (REFERENCE / Type of Reference = P,R,S).

This applies to IAEA-TECDOC- which is 11 characters long excluding the last hyphen. There are a few more cases of this type in the dictionary, and the check and processing programs should be adjusted accordingly. (Actually this rule is not new, it is probably as old as dictionary 6.)

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