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### **2.3 Status of Content Designators and Data Elements**

**deleted:** Designator or element determined with near certainty to have never been used and therefore available for redefinition in a format.

**obsolete:** Designator or element may have been used in records and may continue to appear in records created prior to the date the content designator or data element was made obsolete. Obsolete elements are not to be used in new records.

**provisional:** Designator or element established for the time being but subject to further refinement.

**reserved:** Designator or element defined for future or local use.