The bibliographic punctuation at the start and at end of subfields is not stored in the database, so it is not typed in by the cataloger at the start and at the end of the subfields, but it is generated by means of special tools when necessary, e.g. in a labelled or a brief display.

During the import of records into a CBS MARC 21 database, the bibliographic punctuation must be removed from the start and from the end of the subfields.

During the (MARC 21) export of records from a CBS MARC 21 database, the bibliographic punctuation is added to the start and to end of the subfields.