

## **A clause to replace the “Option” clause**

Many publishers are replacing the “Option” clause because it isn’t very helpful and doesn’t really address the potential problem they are trying to avoid. Instead, many are adding a clause such as the following:

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