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Subject: SAME_TYPE_AS is inconsistent with SELECT TYPE

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1 The disposition of edits in this paper is in 03-270.

2 1 The problems

- 3 A type-spec in a type-guard-stmt in a SELECT TYPE construct is allowed to be of an intrinsic type, but
- 4 neither argument of the SAME_TYPE_AS intrinsic procedure is allowed to be of intrinsic type. This is
- 5 inconsistent.
- 6 The description of the effect of the CLASS IS statement doesn't work if the type-spec specifies an intrinsic
- 7 type, because the term "is an extension type of" doesn't apply to intrinsic types. The MOLD argument
- 8 of the EXTENDS_TYPE_OF intrinsic procedure isn't allowed to be of intrinsic type, so this is OK.
- 9 An obscure point relevant to the SAME_TYPE_AS intrinsic procedure would benefit from clarification.

10 2 The solutions

- 11 Allow either argument of the SAME_TYPE_AS intrinsic procedure to be of intrinsic type.
- 12 Add a sentence to Note 13.17.
- 13 Prohibit the type-spec in a CLASS IS type-guard-stmt from specifying an intrinsic type.

14 3 Edits

- 15 Edits refer to 03-007r2. Page and line numbers are displayed in the margin. Absent other instructions, a
- 16 page and line number or line number range implies all of the indicated text is to be replaced by associated
- text, while a page and line number followed by + (-) indicates that associated text is to be inserted after
- 18 (before) the indicated line. Remarks are noted in the margin, or appear between [and] in the text.
- 19 C815 $\frac{1}{2}$ (R823) The type-spec in a CLASS IS type-quard-stmt shall not specify an intrinsic type.

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348:4+2

20 [Editor: Insert "intrinsic or" before "extensible" twice.]

347:30, 348:1

- 21 [Editor: Add a sentence in Note 13.17 "An unlimited polymorphic object has no declared type; therefore,
- 2 if either A or B is an unlimimited polymorphic object that is a disassociated pointer or an unallocated
- 23 allocatable, the result is false."]

4 Malcolm has proposed...

- 25 Malcolm has proposed that neither the EXTENDS_TYPE_OF nor the SAME_TYPE_AS intrinsic pro-
- 26 cedure are useful because they provide the same functionality as the SELECT TYPE constuct; they
- 27 could therefore be deleted without loss. They don't provide quite the same functionality, however: The
- 28 intrinsics test the relation between objects, while the construct tests the relation between an object
- 26 Intrinsics test the relation between objects, while the constitut tests the relation between an object
- 29 and a type-spec. The functionality of the intrinsics is actually impossible to get by using the con-
- 30 struct. The functionality of EXTENDS_TYPE_OF is probably not very useful, but the functionality of
- 31 SAME_TYPE_AS probably is useful, for example to inquire whether two dummy arguments have the
- 32 same dynamic type most likely to produce error messages. Therefore, it's probably OK to delete
- 33 EXTENDS_TYPE_OF but not SAME_TYPE_AS.
- 34 [Editor: Delete.]

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35 [Editor: Delete (including Note 13.9).]

316:11-22+2

On the other hand, EXTENDS_TYPE_OF doesn't add much complexity to the standard.

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