After version 3.27.17 and before 3.27.19 there was introduced a real weird feature.

Here shown in version 3.27.24

SPSS-Export with *.sps and *.dat file

The survey structure is

Q1. List(radio) question with alphanumerical codes

Code	Antwortoptionen
GE	Germany
UK	UK
FR	France

Q2. List(radio) with numerical codes

Code	Antwortoptionen
1	Germany
2	UK
3	France

Q3. Multiple question

Code	Teilfrage
SQ001	Germany
SQ002	UK
SQ003	France

All without any „Other"-option.

Now see what we get in the *.sps file

In GET DATA everything is fine. The alphanumerical codes are reasd in with format „A2" , the other with „F1"

```
/IMPORTCASE=ALL
/VARIABLES=
V1 F7
V2 DATETIME23.2
V3 F7
V4 A20
V5 A31
V6 A2
V7 F1
V8 F1
V9 F1
V10 F1.
```

VARIABLE LABELS fine, too

VALUE LABELS fine

```
*Define Value labels.
VALUE LABELS  V6
  "GE" "Germany"
  "UK" "UK"
  "FR" "France".
VALUE LABELS  V7
  1 "Germany"
  2 "UK"
  3 "France".
VALUE LABELS  V8
  1 "Ja"
  0 "Nicht Gewählt".
VALUE LABELS  V9
  1 "Ja"
  0 "Nicht Gewählt".
VALUE LABELS  V10
  1 "Ja"
  0 "Nicht Gewählt".
```

But now there is a RECODE area.

For each variable there is this recoding inserted, though there was no „Other" option selected.

```
RECODE V6 ("-oth-" = "666666").
EXECUTE.
ADD VALUE LABELS V6 666666 "other".
ALTER TYPE V6 (F6.0).
```

This is the worst of all. This question with the alphanumerical codes was read in as „A2". And now the type is altered to „F6.0".

This means the variable is numerical, but the values are characters. And you see nothing than a „missing value" in the SPSS datasheet.

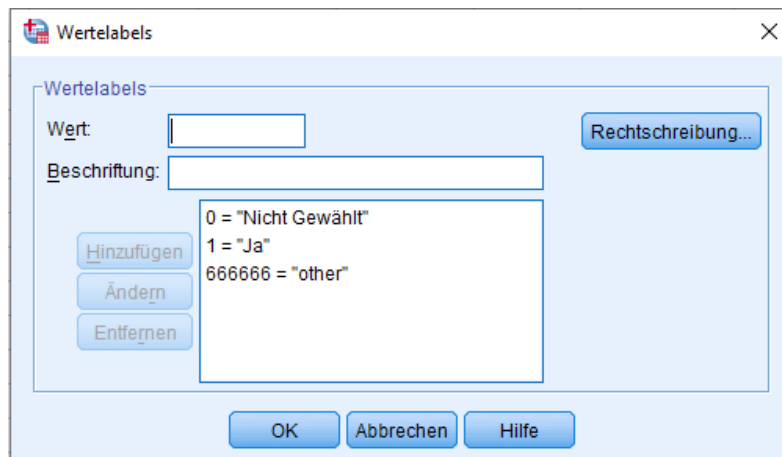| seed	Q1	Q2	Q3_SQ001	Q3_SQ002	Q3_SQ003
480252719	.	1	1	0	0
232941484	.	2	0	1	0
255833162	.	3	0	0	1
1149606070	.	2	1	1	1

What is originally this

Q1 Länder mit alphanumerischen Codes	Q2 Länder mit numerischen Codes	Q3_SQ001 Multiple question Germany
Germany [GE]	Germany [1]	Ja [Y]
UK [UK]	UK [2]	
France [FR]	France [3]	
Germany [GE]	UK [2]	Ja [Y]

Here the variables of the multiple question start. So I do not see any reason to recode an „-oth-" and change the type.

```
RECODE V8 ("-oth-" = "666666").
EXECUTE.
ADD VALUE LABELS V8 666666 "other".
ALTER TYPE V8 (F6.0).
RECODE V9 ("-oth-" = "666666").
EXECUTE.
ADD VALUE LABELS V9 666666 "other".
ALTER TYPE V9 (F6.0).
RECODE V10 ("-oth-" = "666666").
EXECUTE.
ADD VALUE LABELS V10 666666 "other".
ALTER TYPE V10 (F6.0).
```

And as the value label is added (even if the RECODE failed we get this „interesting"
situation in the labelling of multiple subquestions

And another issue is that the generic export to *.sav simply fails with the message

Invalid SPSS data file

```
>Fehler.  Befehlsname: GET FILE
>Ungültige SPSS Statistics-Datendatei: C:\Users\User\Documents\survey_898695_spss.sav (DATA1204)
>Die Ausführung dieses Befehls wurde unterbrochen.
```