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Can we find the smallest class of singularities  ${\cal S}$  with the following properties:

- (1) S includes all normal-crossings singularities;
- (2) every reduced variety X admits a birational morphism  $\sigma: X' \to X$  such that X' has only singularities in S, and  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism over the locus of points of X having only singularities in S?

I will address this question which has been raised by János Kollár.