Guide to ISRCs

How to construct the ISRC:

IE	**(as per email)**	**22**	**00001**
Country Code	Registrant code	Year (2 digits only)	Designation Code (5 numeric digits only)

Please note: there should be no spaces or hyphens in your ISRCs.

What is the ISRC?

The ISRC (International Standard Recording Code) is the international identification system for sound recordings and music videos. Each ISRC is a unique and permanent identifier for a specific recording which can be permanently encoded into a product as its digital fingerprint.

The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) recommends that all music producers use ISRC.

Benefits of using ISRC

- ISRC is a unique, reliable, international identification system.
- ISRC provides a unique tool for the purpose of rights administration.
- ISRC is a useful identification tool in the electronic distribution of music.
- ISRC coding is compatible with standards developed in the field of consumer electronics and is readable by hardware already used in the recording industry.
- ISRC is cost effective - it can be put into operation without requiring special investment in equipment or technologies.

How to register your Tracks with ISRCs.

ISRCs are mandatory when registering tracks for both ISRC and Distribution/Membership purposes.

1. **ISRC Registrations and New Member Applicant Registrations:** After applying the ISRCs like the example below; complete and return the Excel PPI Track Registration Form (see attachments).

2. **PPI Member Registrations:** Complete the template and register it on myPPL (Bulk Upload My Repertoire) - please refer to our Member Registrations page which includes links to the myPPL user guides.

   How to register repertoire on myPPL: Bulk uploading your recordings (video)

Please only register tracks previously unregistered.

Note 1: Ensure that you change 'XXX' to your relevant ISRC – this is an example only.
Note 2: Ensure that there is no hyphens or spaces in your ISRCs.

Track 1 IEXXX2200001
Track 2 IEXXX2200002
Track 3 IEXXX2200003 etc.

Note: Year of Reference is the year that you are ***applying*** the codes to the recording. At the beginning of a year, ***change*** the Year to the current year and ***reset*** the Track Designation code to 00001.

Further Information on how ISRCs are structured and applied can be found on the IFPI Handbook