



The International Standard Recording Code (ISRC) was developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as an identification system for sound recordings and music videos. The ISRC provides a unique identifier for each individual sound recording and music video, as opposed to catalog numbers or UPC codes that are used to identify an entire album. Although it facilitates the collective administration of royalties, it is only an identifier and not a distribution key.

ISRC codes are assigned by the first maker (or original masters' rights owner) of the sound recording or music video. Soproq does not give out ISRC codes per se, it rather assigns a 3-digits code referred to as the "registrant code". This registrant code allows the rights owner to create all the ISRC codes required for each of his sound recordings and music videos.

You can use the following example to help you create your own codes:



You are responsible for creating and assigning an ISRC code to each of your sound recordings and music videos. You must provide them when submitting your repertoire to Soproq. You must also keep a list detailing the data associated to all your sound recordings and music videos, including their corresponding ISRC code.

Your registrant code can be used for both audio and video recordings. However, the ISRC code assigned to a music video must be different from the one assigned to the song. An ISRC code must never be assigned to more than one recording.

A new ISRC code will be assigned only in the following examples:

- Different mixes/edits
- Difference in playing time
- Using only a part of the recording
- Restoration of a historical recording involving creative input
- Compilation from modified recordings

If the recording is used in a compilation, is licensed or sold to another party, is used across different countries, the ISRC code must remain unchanged. The ISRC should also remain the same across different releases or formats.

For more information regarding ISRC codes and their uses, please visit our website or contact us by phone at 514-842-5147