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Additional information: The UK national committee that mirrors the work of ISO/TC 46/SC 9 has requested this document be distributed to the SC9 committee members.

REQUESTED ACTION
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P-members of the technical committee or subcommittee concerned have an obligation to vote.
Dear Mr Carpenter,

I am writing on behalf of the UK national committee, which mirrors the work of ISO/TC 46/SC 9. Please find attached a brief note from the committee in relation to ISRC revision.

Thank you in advance for considering it.

Best regards

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UK national committee comment on ISRC revision

Following discussion of papers received from IFPI and the International ISRC Agency regarding the current status of the work of ISO/TC46/SC9/WG10 (revision of the ISRC standard), BSI IDT/2/18, the UK mirror committee of ISO TC46/SC9, meeting on 14 October 2014, resolved to express its grave concern to ISO TC46/SC9 and to WG10 regarding the apparent reluctance to include a metadata registry for ISRC as part of the revised standard.

Whilst BSI IDT/2/18 appreciates that IFPI must reflect the wishes of its members, the committee believes that the requirements of other users of the identifier must also be taken into account. The UK voted to accept the New Work Item Proposal for the revision of ISRC (ISO/TC 46/SC 9 N719) based on the clearly stated intention to include a registry and the explanation in the NWIP that “The absence of a registry of assigned codes means that users are unable to look up the metadata of a code or determine the correct code to use if they have the metadata. It additionally means that even the registrant cannot be sure if a code has already been assigned and this has resulted in too many duplicated codes.”

The proposal also stated that “It is intended that the revised standard will meet the requirements for identification systems set out by the Linked Content Coalition and reviewed by ISO TC46/SC9 with a view to publication as an ISO White Paper or Technical Report.” The Linked Content Coalition’s Principles of Identification state that “An identifier should be issued under well-defined registry procedures and policies.”

BSI IDT/2/18 believes that it would be a backward step for a newly revised standard to go against the current accepted view that identifiers should be linked to a network-accessible registry containing core metadata and note that the UK is most unlikely to vote to approve any revision of the ISRC that did not include a registry.

Dated 15th October 2014