

## **International ISRC Agency Bulletin 2013/02**

### **ISRCs Containing the Country Code TC**

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The International ISRC Agency today announces the following arrangements.

An historical irregularity in the assignment of sound recording identifiers has resulted in a large number of such codes being assigned using the country code TC, which is allocated by *ISO 3166-1 Country Codes* to the British Overseas Territory of the Turks and Caicos Islands. These codes were assigned outside the authority of the International ISRC Agency but follow the syntax of *ISO 3901 International Standard Recording Code*.

After careful study of the issue and detailed discussions with the entity responsible, the International ISRC Agency has concluded that these codes can now be regarded as compliant ISRCs. Users now have no reason to reject these codes as invalid.

The International ISRC Agency offers its thanks to the small number of registrants in the Turks and Caicos Islands who have cooperated in registering their recordings via associated businesses in other territories. Future applicants in the Turks and Caicos Islands will be given registrant codes for use with the non-geographic country code DG (see ISRC Bulletin 2012/01 - Use of New Country Codes CP and DG). These will initially be in the range 99?, where “?” is a letter or a number. These arrangements have been communicated to the government of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Because it is expected that that ISRC standard will complete its revision in the next two years and national prefixes will disappear, the entity which has used the TC country code will continue to do so as an ISRC Manager (see ISRC Bulletin 2009/03 - Approval of ISRC Managers to Assign ISRCs) under the supervision of the US National ISRC Agency. It has agreed to pay the appropriate fees.

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