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### **Inclusion of ISRC in Broadcast Wave Format (BWF) Files**

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It is often very helpful to associate an ISRC with instances of the recording it identifies. The ISRC Handbook<sup>1</sup> contains recommendations of how this should be done for some formats.

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) specifies the “Broadcast Wave Format” (BWF) which extends the WAV file format, allowing metadata to be included. This format is quite widely used, both within and outside the broadcasting industry.

Following approaches from ISRC users in the Music Producers Guild (UK), EBU has now published a recommended practice document “The Carriage of Identifiers in the Broadcast Wave Format (BWF)”<sup>2</sup>. This describes how to include an ISRC in the metadata of a BWF file.

The International ISRC Agency recommends the use of this EBU specification when BWF is used to carry a recording which has been identified with an ISRC.

Enquiries about this recommendation can be sent to the International ISRC Agency at [isrc@ifpi.org](mailto:isrc@ifpi.org).

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ifpi.org/content/library/isrc\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.ifpi.org/content/library/isrc_handbook.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://tech.ebu.ch/docs/tech/tech3352.pdf>