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Check Digit for ISO 3901:2001 International Standard Recording Code (ISRC)

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ISRC WITH A CHECK DIGIT

At the ISRC Summit, held in October 2002, the idea of formalising an optional new format for the ISRC was discussed, provisionally known as ISRC-C (ISRC with a Check Digit).

Having this check digit would enable verification that the ISRC has not suffered transcription errors. Currently mistakes are made when characters are transposed when manually entered from one system to another.

IFPI is currently working with the user community to agree their requirements for this optional format, and is seeking TC46/SC9's guidance on whether this should be done as (i) a amendment to ISO 3901:2001, (ii) as a Publicly Available Standard within ISO, or (iii) released as a recommendation from the Registration Authority.