

International ISRC Agency Bulletin 2024/01 New Agency Code for ISRC in the United States

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The International ISRC Registration Authority today announces that the ISRC Agency for the United States is authorised to use the agency code element “QT”.

The ISRC Agency of the United States has previously allocated ISRC Prefixes under its agency code elements ‘US’, ‘QM’ and ‘QZ’. Demand for ISRC in the US has resulted in the allocation of almost all available ISRC Prefixes under those agency codes. The use of the ‘QT’ agency code element by the ISRC Agency for the United States provides additional ISRC Prefixes that it may allocate.

The following points should be noted carefully:

- ISRCs that have already been assigned to recordings must not be changed,
- ISRC Prefixes previously allocated to Registrants in conjunction with the ‘US’, ‘QM’ or ‘QZ’ agency codes remain valid and usable. Existing Registrants should continue using the Prefix Codes that have been allocated to them,
- New users who are allocated a Prefix under the ‘QT’ agency code should be careful never to use it with ‘US’, ‘QM’ or ‘QZ’ because this would result in ISRCs being generated that would collide with previously assigned codes.

The International ISRC Registration Authority recommends that ISRCs should be validated before being accepted (see [International ISRC Agency Bulletin 2015/01](#) - Validating ISRC Codes). Any validation process should provide for ISRCs having ‘QT’ as the agency code element.

The International ISRC Agency would welcome any feedback, which should be addressed to isrc@ifpi.org.