Source language: English / Written on: 19/02/2025

Document prepared by SaorServices

**ISWC Label Service – Quick Guide for Users**

# Introduction

The ISWC for Labels Service allows labels to retrieve ISWC metadata, should it exist in the ISWC database, for works in their recorded catalogues. The service also allows labels to generate an ISWC of Provisional Status for works that are not yet in the ISWC database, and to attach metadata relevant to the recording, e.g. ISRC, recording title, artist.

Submissions to the service are made through a REST API.

Before accessing these services in the live production system, users will first undergo a test cycle using test data to ensure the required specifications are being met.

This document will help to guide users through the initial test cycle for the ISWC Label Service, before being onboarded to the live service after the test cycle has been completed successfully.

*NOTE: ISWCs returned during the test cycle are not genuine ISWCs and should not be disseminated*

# Documentation and Sample Files

The below documents will be provided to all users and are also available in the ‘For Labels’ section at <http://uat.iswc.org>.

* ISWC Label Service Specification
* Sample submission files
* ISWC for Labels FAQ

# Onboarding Overview

To commence testing for the ISWC Label Service, users must first sign the required Terms and Conditions for use of the service, and register their interest via the [form](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=uNrG7OkXFku7_gdBmykPSLsoPZu9CQBKp_gEe7G36R9URUVSQU8wNDJVMlBaWkZNU0ROVUc3RlBMVy4u&route=shorturl) at <http://www.iswc.org/labels>.

Once these are signed, users will undergo the following steps:

1. Sign up to the developer portal in the **UAT** environment.
2. Subscribe to the ISWC Label API through the ‘Products’ page on the portal.
3. CISAC approves the subscription, at which point the user can begin testing.
4. User submits test API data.
5. User verifies that their software can ingest the API responses.
6. CISAC performs validation checks to verify that the results are valid.

Following the validation checks by CISAC, if any issues are found they will be communicated to the label. Once the submissions are made successfully and the results are validated, a recommendation is made that the label can be approved for access to the production environment. The user can then sign-up to the developer portal in production at <http://prod.iswc.org> and subscribe to the ISWC Label API.

# Onboarding Checklist

Testing

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Label has signed T&Cs  | [ ]  |
| Label has subscribed to the API via the developer portal (UAT) | [ ]  |
| CISAC has approved the subscription | [ ]  |
| CISAC has informed the label that ISWCs returned during testing are not genuine ISWCs and should not be disseminated | [ ]  |
| Label has made test submissions and is receiving results  | [ ]  |
| CISAC has validated the results of the label’s test submissions | [ ]  |

Go Live

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| CISAC has approved the recommendation for the label to go live, following validation of test results | [ ]  |
| Label has been advised to sign up to the developer portal (Production Environment) and subscribe to the API | [ ]  |
| Subscription has been approved | [ ]  |
| Label has confirmed that their subscription is working, and their submissions are generating valid results / errors. | [ ]  |