

## NCB's December 2008 Distribution

Dear Rights Owner

- Please find below important information on NCB's December 2008 Distribution.

### NCB'S COMMISSION RATES

All commission rates remain unchanged.

On NCB's website - [www.ncb.dk/english](http://www.ncb.dk/english) - under the menu item of [Do you write music?]/[NCB's commission rates] - you will find a complete list of all NCB's commission rates.

### ACCESS TO YOUR ROYALTY STATEMENTS ON NCB'S WEBSITE

The information can be accessed from NCB's website where you will have your own folder with your NCB statement files.

Visit the English version of NCB's website - [www.ncb.dk/english](http://www.ncb.dk/english) - and click the menu item [NCB Direct]/[NCB members - distribution statements].

If you register as a new user you will have to supply the following information:

- your "NCB Payment Receiver number"
- your e-mail address

NCB will then send you your User ID and Password by e-mail.

From NCB's website - menu item [NCB Direct] - you can also access NCB's two new web services, which are described here:

**Distribution Search** provides you with unique search facilities in the NCB distribution statements you have received since December 2005 and up till now. It will offer search facilities on song titles, artists, albums, agreements and producers – on

accumulated amounts as well as subtotals at detailed level.

**Album & Track Search** helps you to keep track of all your songs that have been released throughout the years. The database contains information on music that has been licensed by NCB for release on audio and audio-visual recordings in the Nordic/Baltic countries. It includes songs that have been released on physical media as well as digital music files. Search facilities are on album level as well as on track level.

You can also find this newsletter on NCB's website – [www.ncb.dk/english](http://www.ncb.dk/english) – if you choose menu items: [Do you write music?]/[Distributions]/[- newsletters].

### DISTRIBUTION OF LUMP SUMS

Some of the royalties NCB receives for distribution are so-called lump sums that come from various types of collection. These lump sums do not come with any documentation that identifies the rights owners.

In order to distribute the money, it is paid out proportionately to the relevant members and sister societies.

Lump sum royalties will be indicated by a number on your royalty statement – for example: "Lump-sum 0000165".

The lump sums that will be paid out with this distribution are:

- No. 122:  
Lump sums collected for music downloads dur-



ing 2003 from a Swedish Internet music provider.

## ONLINE MUSIC

As some issues concerning the administration of the repertoire that iTunes offers for sale still remain unclarified, this distribution does not include royalties for iTune sales during the first three quarters of 2008.

The reason is that EMI Music Publishing (through CELAS) has issued direct licences to iTunes covering NCB's territory of collection, and other major publishers are expected to do the same – and maybe even retroactively.

NCB is working hard on finding a solution to the problem.

## MUSIC IN DANISH TV2 AND DR PROGRAMMES

Due to a disagreement between NCB and the Danish TV broadcasters TV2 and DR concerning royalty payment on subcontracted TV productions (made by independent production companies), NCB cannot distribute royalties on the programmes concerned until the disagreement has been settled.

## NATIONAL TAXES ON NCB ROYALTIES

Please note that royalties collected by NCB in the Baltic countries and paid to rights owners in non-Baltic countries are subject to a tax on 'export of funds'. The rates are as follows: Estonia 15%, Latvia 10%, Lithuania 10%.

Norway: All royalties collected by NCB in Norway are subject to a 2% tax to 'Det Norske Komponistfond' (Norwegian Composers' Foundation) according to Norwegian legislation.

## FOUR ANNUAL NCB DISTRIBUTIONS

NCB now makes four annual distributions of royalties to members in the following months:

- March (mainly online royalties)
- June
- September (mainly online royalties)
- December

The exact distribution dates will be announced on NCB's website.

## PLEASE CHECK YOUR ROYALTY STATEMENT

We suggest that you check your royalty statement immediately on receipt and compare it to previous statements.

Please contact NCB's Member Services - preferably in writing to our e-mail: [medlem@ncb.dk](mailto:medlem@ncb.dk) – preferably in writing – if you find any irregularities, and inform us as soon as possible in order for any adjustments to be included in your next NCB distribution.

Note! It may occur that NCB pays out royalties in error. NCB reserves the right to make adjustments back in time for any amount paid out in error. NCB will either reclaim the amount – or set it off against your next NCB royalty payment.

Consequently, you should always check if your statement includes royalties for music that you have not written, or react if you receive more money than expected.

Some of the information on your statement can guide you: Run a check to see if cover titles, artists and sales figures are correct – and if the sales figures indicated are higher than expected.

All the best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**NCB/Copenhagen**