

NCB's March 2009 Distribution

NCB's ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS

NCB distributes royalties to our members four times a year in the following months:

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

The exact distribution dates will appear from NCB's website – www.ncb.dk.

ONLINE MUSIC

It appeared from our newsletter of the December 2008 distribution that we had not been able to invoice and distribute royalties covering iTunes' sales in 2008. However, the problems did not rest with NCB; for a long time we have systemically been able to handle the fact that certain rights are granted in NCB's territory of control without consulting NCB. On the other hand it has been very difficult to get clarified the repertoire to which the big international publishing houses want to grant direct licences.

NCB has now succeeded in invoicing iTunes' sales in the 1 half of 2008 in Sweden, Norway and Finland respectively. The royalties covering these sales have therefore, been included in our March 2009 distribution. The agreements with iTunes have been negotiated individually in the different countries; consequently, the agreements differ from each other. Negotiations are still made with iTunes and other big international publishing houses in order that sales in Denmark can be invoiced, too.

A solution regarding iTunes' sales in the third quarter of 2008 and onwards has not been found, yet. This is due to the fact that there is a doubt about the identification and handling of Universal Music Publishing's Anglo-American rights which are exclusively administered by the French society SACEM.

When more big international publishing houses – and a number of copyright societies, perhaps – are getting to the point where they grant direct licences to their repertoire, it is to be expected that invoicing and distribution of royalties from international providers of online music will be delayed. NCB is in a very close co-operation with all involved parties in order to minimize the problems as much as possible.

FIND MORE INFORMATION OF YOUR ROYALTY STATEMENT ON THE INTERNET

The below information appears from our newsletter of the December 2008 distribution which you can find on NCB's website – www.ncb.dk; please select the menu items [Do you write music?] and [NCB Direct]:

- national taxes on NCB royalties
- if your music is released outside the Baltic/Nordic area
- NCB's commission rates
- "Album & Track Search"
- "Distribution Statements"
- "Distribution Search"
- please check your royalty statement.

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