

NCB's December 2010 Distribution

Dear Sister Society,
Please find below important information on NCB's December 2010 Distribution:

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 - and click the menu item **[NCB Direct]>[NCB members - distribution statements]**.

On the login page you enter the user-ID and password that we sent to your NCB contact (for distribution issues) in May 2008.

You will now get access to your NCB distribution files - present and previous files can be accessed.

DISTRIBUTION OF LUMP SUMS

Some of the royalties NCB receives for distribution are so-called lump sums that come from various types of collection.

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

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

- Lump sums from online collections

One of these lump sums includes collected royalties below DKK 50.00 per track – tracks that have not been active during the last 3 years, and for which it has not been possible to find a match with any of the musical works in our database.

These royalties – totalling DKK 2 million – were collected during the years 2003-2006. They will be distributed proportionally to the rights holders that received online royalties during the period in question.

Only the mechanical rights share is included in this distribution – the performing rights share will be included in NCB's June 2011 Distribution.

ONLINE MUSIC

Spotify – This distribution includes royalties for Spotify's sales in Finland and Norway during the first six months of 2010. Royalties from Spotify's sales will be paid out proportionally in accordance with number of streams of the tracks concerned. We have collected royalties for all Spotify's product categories – including "free" streams.

WIMP – For the first time this distribution also includes royalties collected from the Norwegian music service WIMP. The royalties are derived from collections made during 1st and 2nd quarter of 2010.

iTunes – Payment by iTunes for their sales during 2nd quarter of 2010 is delayed. Consequently, these royalties cannot be included in this distribution, however, we expect them to be included in our March 2011 Distribution.

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 for sales 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.

CALCULATION OF ONLINE ROYALTIES

As royalties from online music include mechanical rights as well as performing rights – and due to the fact that calculation principles may vary from one country to another – we have uploaded a document to our website that explains how online royalties that appear on your distribution statement are calculated.

You will find the document on this link:

[Calculation of online royalties](#)

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ROYALTY STATEMENT

We suggest that you check your royalty statement immediately when you have been notified that it is available on the Internet.

Please contact NCB's Member Services - preferably in writing to our e-mail: **member@ncb.dk** - at your earliest convenience if you find any irregularities.

Yours sincerely

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