NEWSLETTER

USING ISAN IN CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION DELIVERED BY THE U.S.COPYRIGHT OFFICE

In January 2018, the U.S. Copyright Office upgraded the electronic registration system www.copyright.gov by adding the ISAN unique identifier to the "International Standard Number" menu on the Publication / Completion screen.
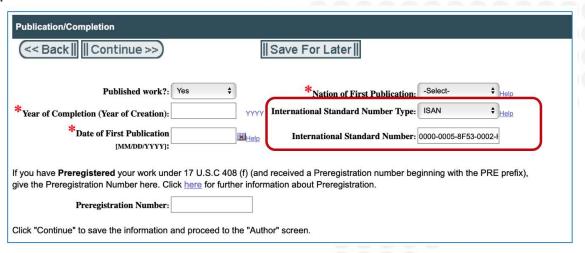
When provided, the ISAN number will appear on the certificate of registration and may be used to identify the specific work that was submitted for registration.

In the past, the online application only included the identifiers for ISBN , ISSN, and ISRC. The technical upgrade delivered in January 2018 enhances the online application by adding the ISAN as well as the ISMN, ISWC and ISTC.

How to provide the ISAN in the declaration?

When completing the *Publication / Completion screen* in the online application, applicants may select the appropriate prefix (i.e. ISAN) from the drop down menu marked "International Standard Number Type" and provide the ISAN number in the field marked "International Standard Number."

Example:

When entering the ISAN in the application **do only enter the ISAN in its 16 digits representation** (without version segment that is useless here) and without the ISAN prefix:

ISAN 1234-5678-9ABC-0000-X -0000-0000-Y

ISAN segment to use in your claim

Applicants should note, however, that the U.S. Copyright Office will not review the ISAN to determine if it matches the number appearing on the deposit copy(ies). Therefore, applicants should confirm that the ISAN has been entered correctly.