

052 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD AUDIOVISUAL NUMBER (ISAN)

Field Definition and Scope

An International Standard Audiovisual Number (ISAN) that identifies audiovisual works and not physical products.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
052	INTERNATIONAL STANDARD AUDIOVISUAL NUMBER (ISAN)	NR	O
a	Number ISAN	NR	MA
z	Erroneous ISAN	R	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

Subfields Description

\$a Number ISAN

A correctly applied ISAN including hyphens or blanks. The ISANs are assigned by the ISAN international agency. Not repeatable. Mandatory unless \$z is present.

\$z Erroneous ISAN

An ISAN that has been identified as being erroneously applied to an audiovisual work or is otherwise invalid.

It may have been allocated to two different audiovisual works (or parts of an audiovisual work) and in this instance cancelled, or it may have been incorrectly printed. Repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

ISAN Structure

The ISAN is used to identify an audiovisual work, according to the provisions of ISO 15706. An ISAN consists of sixteen hexadecimal digits. Whenever it is printed or written, the number is preceded by the letters ISAN and followed by a check digit. In countries where the Latin alphabet is not used, an abbreviation in the local script may be used in addition to the Latin letters ISAN.

The ISAN is divided into three elements, each of which is separated by a hyphen or a blank:

Core element: This consists of twelve hexadecimal digits.

Part identifier: This consists of four hexadecimal digits.

Check digit: The third element of the ISAN is the check digit. It is mandatory when the ISAN is written or printed. This is calculated using the MOD 37, 39 algorithm defined in the standard ISO 7064.

Data Format

The letters ISAN, which are usually found printed with the ISAN on items, should not be entered in field 052. They are mandatory when the ISAN is written or printed, including when the ISAN is displayed in an

authority record. Any ISAN which is found to appear wrongly on an item or elsewhere can be entered in subfield \$z, Erroneous ISAN, which is provided to give access to records that may have been requested by an erroneous number. Hyphens or blank are inserted in the \$a or \$z subfield to transcribe the ISAN as four groups of four hexadecimal digits. An hyphen or a blank is also used to separate the check digit from the two preceding elements. The purpose of the hyphens or blanks in the ISAN is to facilitate the reading of the number. When an ISAN is displayed in an authority record the inclusion of the hyphens or blanks is mandatory. No other punctuation is permitted.

Examples

EX 1
052 ##\$a0000-3BAB-9352-0000-G-0000-0000-Q
An imaginary ISAN.

History

2009	New field.
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