

Annex A (informative) Release Notes

Version 4 of the Electronic Release Notification Message Suite Standard offers a significantly simpler way to communicate Release Notifications compared with ERN-3.

Version 4.1 has been developed in response of testing with version 4. It further streamlines the communication of Releases from Release Creators to Release Distributors. The major changes include:

- Simplified process to the reduction of rights and takedowns (Note: this approach has also been adapted for ERN-3);
- Support for accompanying a `NewReleaseMessage` with an additional XML file containing information in addition to what has, traditionally, been sent from a Release Creator's supply chain to support, for instance, voice activated music services;
- Ability to for a Release Creator so signal to a Release Distributor how it wishes artist information should be displayed as part of a title;
- Ability to communicate display credits;
- Ability to provide track sequences using letters; and
- A series of smaller changes to closer align the `NewReleaseMessage` with messages defined in other DDEX Standards, particularly RIN and MLC.

Version 4.1.1 corrects a number of small errors in the XSD (ensuring that `Synopsis` and `Keywords` are available on `Release` and `TrackRelease`, adding a flag to indicate whether a `Contributor` is a credited artist, aligning the `ResourceRightsController` and `WorkRightsController` composites, enabling the communication of label hierarchies, add the ability to differentiate "covers" from "originals") and adds rules for the communication of Preview Dates.