

Ownership Claims for Single Resource Releases in ERN

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The `NewReleaseMessage` has two places where rights and ownership information about a sound recording or other Resource can be communicated. Such ownership claims are an essential aspect of administering user-generated content (UGC).

The first is in the `ResourceRightsController` composite inside the `SoundRecording` composite (`RightsController` in ERN-3). This allows the signalling of information that a specific company controls a specific percentage of a specific set of rights for a specific set of types of use in a specific set of territories for a specific period of time.

The example below shows that the company “LeftRight” owns 10% of the rights in a Sound Recording for downloads in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Germany.

```
<ResourceRightsController>
  <PartyName>
    <FullName>LeftRight</FullName>
  </PartyName>
  <RightSharePercentage>10</RightSharePercentage>
  <DelegatedUsageRights>
    <UseType>Download</UseType>
    <TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>FR</TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>
    <TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>BE</TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>
    <TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>NE</TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>
    <TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>LU</TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>
    <TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>DE</TerritoryOfRightsDelegation>
  </DelegatedUsageRights>
</ResourceRightsController>
```

The second is in the `ReleaseDeal` section in which the sender grants the recipient certain rights for a given Release. These granted rights may, or may not be a superset of the ownership information communicated in the `ResourceRightsController` composite mentioned above.

The differentiation between the semantics of the information contained in these two parts of the `NewReleaseMessage` is especially critical when ownership claims are communicated in conjunction with a `ReleaseDeal`, for instance in a UGC context or when communicating Releases to a fingerprinting or “anti-piracy” service provider.

If a label communicates ownership claims in both the `ResourceRightsController` composite and in the `ReleaseDeal` section, the recipient of the message must only act in accordance with the information contained in the `ReleaseDeal` section.

For instance, a label communicates, in the `ResourceRightsController` composite that it owns rights in France, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands but the `Deal` only contains instructions for the Netherlands, the recipient is only authorised to act in the Netherlands – and not in Germany, France and Belgium.

Sending a `ResourceRightsController` composite without a `TerritoryOfRightsDelegation` is, however, not sensible and may be rejected by the recipient.

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