

Copyright Board  
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<b>Date</b>	2025-07-28
<b>Notice of Initiation and Order of the Board</b>	CB-CDA 2025-062
<b>Proceeding Number</b>	PT25-05
<b>Proceeding</b>	SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows (2023-2028)
<b>Member</b>	Daniela Bassan

## **I. Proposed Tariffs to be Considered**

[1] The Board is ready to commence proceeding PT25-05 – SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows (2023-2028), to consider the following proposed tariffs (the “Proposed Tariffs”) in a written hearing:

- SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows for the years 2023-2025
- SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows for the years 2026-2028

## **II. Objectors**

[2] Objections to the Proposed Tariffs have been filed by the following parties:

**Table 1 – List of Objectors**

<b>Objector</b>	<b>Tariff Name</b>	<b>Tariff Period(s)</b>
<b>Retail Council of Canada</b>	SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows	2023-2025
<b>Hotel Association of Canada</b>	SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows	2023-2025, 2026-2028
<b>Restaurants Canada</b>	SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows	2023-2025, 2026-2028
<b>Canadian Association for the Performing Arts</b>	SOCAN Tariff 8 – Receptions, Conventions, Assemblies and Fashion Shows	2023-2025

[3] At this time, should an objector decide not to participate in this proceeding, they must inform the Board and parties by **August 5, 2025**. For more information, see [Practice Notice on Changing the Status of a Party \(PN 2023-010\)](#).

### **III. Language of Proceeding**

[4] Parties may address the Board and each other in the official language of their choice. Parties must confirm the official language in which they wish to participate in this proceeding by **August 18, 2025**.

### **IV. Confidential Information**

[5] If a party anticipates that they will need to disclose confidential information in the course of this proceeding, they are invited to request a confidentiality order as soon as possible (see Rule 46 of the [Copyright Board Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) (the “Rules”)), in accordance with [Practice Notice on Confidentiality Order \(PN 2024-013\)](#).

### **V. Proceeding Detail Page**

[6] Information about this proceeding can be found on the Board’s [website](#).

### **VI. Interveners and Letters of Comment**

[7] A person with an interest in this proceeding may file a request for intervener status as per Rule 52 of the Rules; any person may file a letter of comment in the official language of their choice as per Rule 53.

[8] Please [contact the Registry](#) as soon as possible for further information on how to file a request to intervene or a letter of comment.

## VII. Issues to be Considered

[9] Based on the Notice of Grounds for Objection filed by Hotel Association of Canada and Restaurants Canada for the 2026-2028 period, the Board understands that the issues to be addressed in this proceeding are:

- a. Whether any inflation based-adjustments should be made;
- b. If applicable, which methodology should be used to calculate the inflation-based adjustment;
- c. Whether the combined impact of the rate increase, as proposed by SOCAN and Re:Sound, on users of the tariff should be accounted for; and
- d. Whether to clarify the tariff scope in relation to live dance performances.

[10] Unless parties indicate otherwise, the Notice of Grounds for Proposed Tariff and for Objection filed for 2026-2028 will be considered for both tariff periods, and the parties will proceed on the basis of the four issues identified in Section VII.

## VIII. Proposed Schedule of Proceeding

[11] The Board proposes the following schedule of proceeding:

**Table 2 – Proposed Schedule of Proceeding**

<b>Filing Event</b>	<b>Proposed Deadline</b>
SOCAN files Case Record	+ 4 weeks
Objectors file Response Case Record	+ 4 weeks
SOCAN files Reply	+ 3 weeks

## IX. Order

[12] No later than **August 18, 2025**, the parties shall inform the Board if they agree with the above-listed issues and with the proposed schedule of proceeding.

[13] Should they disagree with the list of issues, the parties must file a Statement of Issues (jointly, or individually if they cannot agree) and, if applicable, a joint proposed schedule of proceeding by **August 25, 2025**.