

PROPOSED TARIFF

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Proposed Tariff Title: *SOCAN Tariff 15.B – Background Music in Establishments Not Covered by Tariff No. 16 – Telephone Music on Hold (2025-2027)*

For the communication to the public by telecommunication of musical or dramatico-musical works.

Effective Period: 2025-01-01 – 2027-12-31

SOCAN TARIFF 15.B – BACKGROUND MUSIC IN ESTABLISHMENTS NOT COVERED BY TARIFF NO. 16 – TELEPHONE MUSIC ON HOLD (2025-2027)

Proposed statement of royalties to be collected by the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) in compensation for the communication to the public by telecommunication, in Canada, of musical or dramatico-musical works forming part of its repertoire.

Royalties

To communicate to the public by telecommunication over a telephone on hold, at any time and as often as desired in the years 2025-2027, any or all of the works in SOCAN's repertoire, in an establishment not covered by Tariff 16, the royalty payable is as follows:

\$177.99 for one trunk line, plus \$3.94 for each additional trunk line.

For the purposes of this tariff, "trunk line" means a telephone line linking the user's telephone switching equipment to the public telephone system and over which music is provided to a caller while on hold.

Where royalties are paid under Tariff 16, subsection 3(2), no royalties shall be payable under Tariff 15.

Terms and Conditions

Published by the Copyright Board of Canada, in accordance with section 68.2 of the Copyright Act, on November 15, 2023.

No later than January 31 of the year covered by the tariff, the user shall pay the applicable royalty to SOCAN and report the number of trunk lines.

SOCAN shall have the right to audit the user's books and records, on reasonable notice and during normal business hours, to verify the statements rendered and the royalties payable by the user.

All amounts payable under this tariff are exclusive of any federal, provincial or other governmental taxes or levies of any kind.

Any amount not received by the due date shall bear interest from that date until the date the amount is received. Interest shall be calculated daily, at a rate equal to 1% above the Bank Rate effective on the last day of the previous month (as published by the Bank of Canada). Interest shall not compound.