

Solicitations from third parties to obtain and maintain ISINs

The Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) confirms that only official National Numbering Agencies (NNAs) can issue valid ISINs (International Securities Identification Numbers). The majority of NNAs **do not charge for ISIN allocation and fees are not levied for maintenance/renewal of allocated ISINs**. In the few instances where fees are charged for ISIN allocation, this is done on a **cost-recovery basis only**, in accordance with ANNA's ISO 6166 ISIN Registration Authority obligations. The same applies for CFI (Classification of Financial Instruments) according to ISO 10962.2015 and FISN (Financial Instrument Short Name) according to ISO 18774.2015

ANNA and its member NNAs have no dealings or affiliation with any third parties offering commercial services for assisting to obtain or maintain ISINs. Similarly, any threats from these organizations to purge a valid ISIN from certain systems, if “maintenance fees” or other monies are not paid, should be viewed with scepticism and challenged. To avoid incurring unnecessary costs, we strongly recommend all market participants request ISIN, CFI, and FISN identifiers only from an official NNA source. The process is very straightforward.

For any assistance in contacting the responsible NNA for your request, please contact ANNA directly at secretariat@anna-web.org.

Alternatively, contact the NNA responsible for your market to assist with your ISIN request.

The full list of official NNAs can be found here.