

SUISA concludes a licensing agreement with Spotify

SUISA has concluded a licensing agreement with Spotify for the use of its music service in Switzerland. The Company has not yet announced a start date for its services in Switzerland. SUISA welcomes the contract with Spotify which offers Swiss consumers an additional legal alternative to music piracy.

Zurich, 4 October 2011 – SUISA has concluded a licensing agreement with Spotify for the Swiss territory. The agreement licenses the Spotify service for users of computers and mobile devices located in Switzerland (Swiss IP addresses).

SUISA welcomes the new arrangement with Spotify. Thanks to Spotify, Swiss music consumers now have an additional authorized source of music for their mobile phones and computers. The agreement signed with SUISA ensures that authors will be paid for the online streaming of their songs and compositions. SUISA has already concluded agreements with a number of other online music services including iTunes, Amazon, Ex Libris, CeDe and Simfy.

Under the agreement, Spotify is now authorised to offer its music service in various subscription forms, for computers and mobile devices, to users in Switzerland. The service will be made available in a free-of-charge version financed by advertising, in the form of a subscription and through a download store. Spotify's digital music catalogue of more than 15 million songs is already available in the US, Great Britain, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland and Norway. Spotify has not yet announced its plans for a launch in Switzerland.

According to Spotify, the service was launched in 2008 out of a desire to develop a more convenient and legal alternative to music piracy.

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About SUISA

SUISA is the Society for composers, lyricists and music publishers in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Its 29 000 members come from all musical walks of life. SUISA represents the world music repertoire of two million authors in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. It licenses the use of this world repertoire to over 80 000 clients.

With 200 employees in its offices in Zurich, Lausanne and Lugano, SUISA has revenues of over CHF 140 million. As a not-for-profit organisation, SUISA distributes its licensing revenues, net of a cost coverage deduction, to music authors and publishers.

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