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FROM: The CPCC

In March 2011, the Canadian Private Copying Collective (CPCC) filed a proposed 2012-2013 Tariff with the Copyright Board of Canada. The proposed tariff maintained the levy on CD-R, CD-RW, CD-R Audio or CD-RW Audio media at the current rate of 29¢. In addition, a levy was proposed on electronic memory cards at the following rates:

- 50¢ for each electronic memory card with 1 gigabyte of memory or less
- \$1.00 for each electronic memory card with more than one gigabyte of memory but less than 8 gigabytes of memory
- \$3.00 for each electronic memory card with 8 gigabytes of memory or more.

Subsequently, the CPCC asked the Copyright Board to modify the proposed 2012-2013 Tariff to limit the tariff on electronic memory cards to the microSD format.

In order to accommodate businesses and associations that have objected to the proposed tariff, the tariff hearing is not scheduled to take place until October 2012. Please be advised that, should the Copyright Board certify a Tariff on microSD memory cards, manufacturers and importers will be required to submit reports and remit the levy to the CPCC on microSD memory cards sold or otherwise disposed of in Canada from January 1, 2012 onward.

The CPCC's mandate is to collect the private copying levy on the sale of blank media used to copy music, and to distribute that revenue to artists and other rights holders as compensation for private copies made of their music. The CPCC will not waive its right to collect levies on microSD memory cards retroactively.

Accordingly, the CPCC requests that importers and manufacturers maintain complete and accurate records of purchases and sales or other dispositions of microSD memory cards from January 1st 2012 in accordance with sections 8 and 9 of the Proposed Tariff.

With respect to the blank audio recording media covered in the current 2011 Tariff, the CPCC has requested that the Copyright Board of Canada issue an Interim Tariff for 2012 and 2013. The Interim Tariff will be an extension of the current tariff, maintaining the levy of 29¢ on each unit of CD-R, CD-RW, CD-R Audio and CD-RW Audio imported and sold or otherwise disposed of in Canada. The Interim Tariff will remain in effect until the Copyright Board certifies the Private Copying Tariff, 2012-2013.

The CPCC will mail out notification of the Interim Tariff when it is issued and a link to the Interim Tariff will be posted on our website. Please refer to www.cpcc.ca for up-to-date information.