

Bibliographic Data

ISBNs

An ISBN (International Standard Book Number) should be allocated to a publication at the earliest opportunity and details given to the bibliographic data suppliers for listing (see below).

The ISBN changed from 10 to 13 digits on 1 January 2007. All existing ISBNs are now prefixed by 978 and the resulting 13-digit number is identical with the EAN-13 number that is currently encoded in the bar code. The 979 prefix has started to appear and will be introduced in countries when the current stock of numbers is exhausted. When they are assigned, they do not replace those beginning with 978. 979 ISBNs are not convertible to a 10-digit format and exist only in a 13-digit format.

ISBNs and ISBN Prefixes (for publishers) can be obtained from the UK ISBN Agency:

[International Standard Book Numbering Agency \(UK\)](#)

Tel: 01483 712215

isbn.agency@nielsen.com

ONIX, BIC BASIC & THEMA

Developed and maintained by EDItEUR jointly with Book Industry Communication (BIC) and the US Book Industry Study Group (BISG), and user groups in many other countries, the ONIX for Books Product Information Message is the international standard for representing and communicating book industry product information in electronic form. ONIX incorporates the core content which has been specified in national initiatives such as BIC BASIC, originally developed by BIC on behalf of the PA and BA. The standards aim to improve the accuracy and timeliness of product information available to the book trade, notably at the point of sale.

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BAR CODING

A free booklet, *Bar Coding for Books*, is available from [BIC](#) and information on bar coding and printing is available from [GS1 UK](#).

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA SUPPLIERS

Bibliographic data and other marketing information should be sent as soon as possible to the following:

[Bibliographic Data Services](#)

[Bowker](#)

[Nielsen BookData](#)

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