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# FIRST HALF 2008 STATISTICS

## Summary:

- Global digital sales increased by 25% in the 1H 2008
- Sales through digital platforms now account for 20% of the world market, compared to 15% in 2007
- Global overall market decline is slowing – trade revenues to record companies down by 5% compared to -8% in 2007
- UK digital music sales up 45% to US\$116 million, well above average and the highest digital growth among the top five markets
- Overall market growth in trade revenues to record companies in 13 countries
- Global sales of music in physical formats down by 12%
- US and UK together account for 60% of the global decline in CD sales
- Japan's overall market for recorded music up by 6% - a great result for the world's second biggest market
- Double digit growth in performance rights income worldwide

## **National recording industry association announcements of first half 2008 figures:**

*Please note not all announcements are in English*

Argentina, CAPIF - <http://www.capif.org.ar/Default.asp?CodOp=PRGA&CO=2> (see 30/07/08)

Australia, ARIA - <http://www.aria.com.au/pages/2008ARIAhalfyearsales.htm>

Belgium, BEA - <http://www.belgianentertainment.be/index.php/fr/> (see 06/09/08)

France, SNEP - [http://www.disqueenfrance.com/actu/ventes/vente2007\\_06\\_07.asp](http://www.disqueenfrance.com/actu/ventes/vente2007_06_07.asp)

Italy, FIMI - [http://www.fimi.it/dett\\_ddmercato.php?id=40](http://www.fimi.it/dett_ddmercato.php?id=40)

Japan, RIAJ - <http://www.riaj.or.jp/e/data/download/2008.html>

Netherlands, NVPI - <http://www.nvpi.nl/nvpi/pagina.asp?pagkey=102099&metkey=307>

Sweden, IFPI Sweden - [http://www.ifpi.se/?page\\_id=221](http://www.ifpi.se/?page_id=221)