INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

FNS 808:2026

Beat production — File naming and versioning

Part 1: The word "final" and its derivatives

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1 Scope

This standard specifies how producers shall name project and audio files so that, at any moment, nobody (including the producer) knows which version is the latest.

2 Normative references

FNS 808-2, Bounce naming at 4 AM. FNS 808-3, "(1)", "(2)" and other suffixes added by the operating system when it has given up.

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 final: a version that is not final.
3.2 FINAL: a version that is not final, written with more confidence.
3.3 REAL: a version the producer believed in for at least 11 minutes.
3.4 USE THIS ONE: a message to the future self, routinely ignored by the future self.

4 Version hierarchy

Versions shall progress in the following order (lowest to highest precedence):

```
 1  beat.wav
 2  beat2.wav
 3  beat new.wav
 4  beat new NEW.wav
 5  beat final.wav
 6  beat final2.wav
 7  beat FINAL.wav
 8  beat FINAL (1).wav
 9  beat FINAL real.wav
10  final_final_v7_REAL.wav
11  final_final_v7_REAL_USE THIS ONE.wav
12  final_final_v7_REAL_USE THIS ONE (2).wav
13  OK THIS ONE.wav
14  beat.wav (see clause 6)
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5 Capitalisation

Capital letters indicate confidence. ALL CAPS indicates that the producer has played the file to a friend and the friend nodded.

6 Cyclic reset

When the hierarchy in clause 4 is exhausted, the producer shall start a new project called "beat" and return to item 1. This is known as the creative process.

7 Descriptive suffixes

Suffixes shall describe the circumstances of the bounce rather than the content: "3am", "no 808", "for him", "for HER", "dont send", "sent", "sent by accident".

8 Sending

Before sending a file to an artist, the producer shall rename it to the artist's name, misspelled.

9 Compliance

A file is compliant with FNS 808:2026 when the producer has to open all fourteen versions to find out which one has the good hi-hats.

Annex A (informative) Example project folder

```
D:\production\
└─ beats 2026\
   ├─ untitled.flp
   ├─ untitled (2).flp
   ├─ wachumean idea DONT DELETE.flp
   ├─ final_final_v7_REAL.wav
   └─ New folder (3)\
      └─ New folder\
         └─ the good one.wav   ← 0 KB
```