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Legal fight hits music pirates

The global recording industry has launched its largest wave of legal against people suspected of music files on the internet. The latest move by the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) 2,100 alleged uploaders peer-to-peer (P2P) networks in 16 nations the UK, France, Germany and Italy. Thousands of people have agreed to pay compensation since the campaign . In the US, civil lawsuits have been against more than 15,597 people September 2003 and there have been 3,590 settlements. 'This is a significant of our enforcement actions against people who are uploading and distributing music on p2p networks,' said IFPI chief John Kennedy. 'Thousands of people - mostly internet-savvy men in their 20s or 30s - have learnt to their the legal and financial risks involved in file-sharing copyrighted music in large quantities.' Individual cases are generally brought by the national associations the recording industry, and in some cases by the labels, civil complaints. The UK record industry has so far brought 97 cases, with a 65 covered by the latest action. More than 140,000 in compensation has been paid to the British Phonographic Industry by 71 individuals. Those who to resolve cases face civil court action.