intramolecular charge transfer, (ICT)

Process that changes the overall charge distribution in a molecule.

Note:
For intramolecular charge transfer in the excited state, several models are discussed in the literature based on the molecular structure of the final state reached upon photo-induced ICT: planar intramolecular charge transfer (PICT) or twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT). For example, an ICT has been proposed to be responsible for the strongly Stokes-shifted additional fluorescence band in fluorescent molecules with two fluorescence bands (dual fluorescent molecules).

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PAC, 2007, 79, 293 (Glossary of terms used in photochemistry, 3rd edition (IUPAC Recommendations 2006)) on page 357