

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1998/0814(CNS)	Procedure completed
EEA Agreement: amending Protocol 37 and Annex X (audiovisual services)		
Subject 3.30.01 Audiovisual industry and services 6.40.01 Relations with EEA/EFTA countries		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations	PPE FERRER Concepció	20/05/1998
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Environment	2153	20/12/1998

Key events			
06/03/1998	Legislative proposal published	SEC(1998)0378	Summary
29/04/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/06/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
25/06/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0259/1998	
15/07/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0420/1998	Summary
20/12/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0814(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		SEC(1998)0378	06/03/1998	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0259/1998 OJ C 226 20.07.1998, p. 0004	25/06/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0420/1998 OJ C 292 21.09.1998, p. 0052-0060	15/07/1998	EP	Summary

Final act

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OBJECTIVE: The draft decision of the EEA Joint Committee concerns amendment of Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement and Annex X concerning Audiovisual Services, with the aim of integrating recently adopted Community legislation in this field. SUBSTANCE: In order to ensure the requisite legal security and homogeneity, the EEA Joint Committee is to integrate all the relevant Community legislation into the EEA Agreement as soon as possible after its adoption. The draft decision extends to the EEA Agreement European Parliament and Council Directive 97/36/EC amending Council Directive 89/552/EEC on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in the Member States concerning the pursuit of television broadcasting activities. No transitional periods or derogations are provided for for the implementation of the Directive, but Protocol 37 to the Agreement must be extended to include the Contact Committee set up by Directive 97/36/EC.?

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The Committee will be recommending to the plenary, in line with rapporteur Ms Concepció FERRER (PPE,ES), the endorsement of the draft Decision of the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Committee which amends Protocol 37 and Annex X of the EEA Agreement by adding the newly adopted Community legislation governing audiovisual services (consultation procedure). To enable the Agreement to operate smoothly, a further point is being added to the list in Protocol 37 and the necessary additions are being made to Annex X concerning the appointment of one representative from each EFTA State to the Contact Committee on Television Broadcasting Activities set up under Directive 97/36/EC. The committee decided to take on board the amendments tabled by the Culture Committee, which add an explicit reference to Directive 97/36/CE in the text to be inserted and stipulate that the EFTA Member States concerned will be asked for their opinion in an advisory capacity, in the event of a vote being held in the course of the meetings of the Joint Committee referred to above.?

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In adopting without debate the report by Mrs Concepció FERRER (EPP, E) on the European Economic Area, Parliament approved the proposed modification while stating that: - each EFTA member state was entitled to designate one representative of the competent authority (that it had selected) to participate in the meetings and activities of the Contact Committee, to which reference was made in Directive 89/552/EEC, as amended by Directive 97/36/EC, on the same terms as the representatives of the Member States of the Union, - in the event of a vote in this committee, the opinion of the EFTA partners would be asked for in an advisory capacity and duly recorded in the minutes. ?