

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 59/2001

of 18 May 2001

amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 70/96 of 29 November 1996 ¹.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 163/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 January 2001 on the implementation of a training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry (MEDIA – Training) (2001-2005) ² and Council Decision 2000/821/EC of 20 December 2000 on the implementation of a programme to encourage the development, distribution and promotion of European audiovisual works (MEDIA Plus – Development, Distribution and Promotion) (2001-2005) ³.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2001,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L 71, 13.3.1997, p. 43.

² OJ L 26, 27.1.2001, p. 1.

³ OJ L 336, 30.12.2000, p. 82.

Article 1

The following indents shall be added in Article 9(4) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- '- **32001 D 0163**: Decision No 163/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 January 2001 on the implementation of a training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry (MEDIA – Training) (2001-2005) (OJ L 26, 27.1.2001, p. 1).

- **32000 D 0821**: Council Decision 2000/821/EC of 20 December 2000 on the implementation of a programme to encourage the development, distribution and promotion of European audiovisual works (MEDIA Plus – Development, Distribution and Promotion) (2001-2005) (OJ L 336, 30.12.2000, p. 82).'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 19 May 2001, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee *.

It shall apply from 1 January 2001.

* No constitutional requirements indicated.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2001.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

P. Westerlund

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