

APPENDIX 2 TO ANNEX VIII

ICELAND – LIST OF MFN EXEMPTIONS

Sector or sub-sector	Description of measure indicating its inconsistency with Article 3.3 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment) of the Agreement	Countries to which the measure applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the exemption
All Sectors	Measures aimed at promoting Nordic Cooperation such as: guarantees and loans to investment projects and exports (The Nordic Investment Bank) financial support to R&D projects (The Nordic Industrial Fund) funding of feasibility studies for international projects (The Nordic Fund for Project Exports) financial assistance to companies* utilizing environmental technology (The Nordic Environment Finance Corporation).	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden (* Applies to East European companies, which are co-operating with a Nordic company.	Indefinite	To maintain and develop Nordic Cooperation
Audiovisual services; transmission of audiovisual programmes	Measures that are adopted for the implementation and in conformity with the regulations such as the EC Television Broadcasting Directive (no. 89/552) and which define programmes of European origin in order to extend national treatment to audiovisual programmes meeting specific origin criteria.	Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Transfrontier Television or other European countries parties to the European Economic Area (hereinafter referred to “EEA”) Agreement with whom an agreement may be concluded.	Indefinite	The promotion of cultural identity within the broadcasting sector in Europe, as well as achievement of certain linguistic policy objectives.

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Audiovisual services; production and distribution of cinematographic works and television programmes	<p>Measures that are adopted for the implementation of benefits in conformity with such support programmes as MEDIA and EURIMAGES to audiovisual programmes and suppliers to these programmes, meeting specific European origin criteria</p> <p>Support programmes for the production and distribution of cinematographic works and television programmes (The Nordic Film and TV Fund)</p> <p>Measures based upon government-to-government framework agreements, and plurilateral agreements, on co-production of audiovisual works, which confer National Treatment to audiovisual works covered by these agreements, in particular in relation to distribution and access to funding</p>	<p>European countries</p> <p>Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden</p> <p>All countries with whom cultural cooperation may be desirable (agreements already exist, or are being negotiated, with the following countries: France, Canada)</p>	<p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite (The promotion of cultural links between countries cannot be time bound)</p>	<p>Preservation and promotion of the regional identity of the countries concerned</p> <p>To maintain and develop Nordic cooperation</p> <p>The aim of these agreements is to promote cultural links between the countries concerned</p>