EEA Agreement: amending Protocol 37 and Annex X (audiovisual services)

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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.