ES-Spain: Amendment of the Catalan Broadcasting Act

On 11 March 2015, Law 3/2015 on administrative, finance and fiscal measures was published in the Catalan Official Gazette. Article 99 of this Law has amended Article 1(c) (definition of “in-house production”) of the Catalan Broadcasting Act (Llei 22/2005, del 29 de desembre, de la comunicació audiovisual de Catalunya) (see IRIS 2006-2/14).

As the Catalan Broadcasting Act does not define the concept of chain broadcasting and considering provisions of Article 22 of the General Law on Audiovisual Communication (Law 7/2010 of 31 March), it was necessary that the definition that has been amended clarify that syndicated audiovisual content issued jointly by audiovisual media service providers is not considered chain broadcasting content.

With the new wording the definition of “in house production” is as follows: “all broadcasting content in which initiative and responsibility for recording or filming or ownership of the commercial rights, corresponds to the broadcasting services provider who broadcasts exclusively or jointly syndicated with other broadcaster service providers. In any case, this joint broadcasting is not considered chain broadcasting.”

- Llei 3/2015, de l’11 de març, de mesures fiscals, financeres i administratives (Act 3/2015, of 11 March 2015 on administrative, finance and fiscal measures)
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