

State of Signatures and Ratifications of Relevant International Treaties (Excluding European Conventions) on 1 April 1995

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In IRIS 1995-1: 16-18 and IRIS 1995-3: 11-14 we provided overviews of the State of Signatures and Ratifications of European Conventions that are relevant to the audio-visual sector.

In this issue we provide an overview of the State of Signatures and Ratifications of other international treaties that are relevant to the audio-visual sector. The overview is updated by the Council of Europe's Media Section until 1 April 1995.

On 19 April 1995, Bulgaria became Party to the Rome Convention and the Convention for the protection of producers of phonograms against unauthorised duplication of their phonograms.

A. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

Berne Convention for the protection of literary and artistic works

Berne Convention (1886), revised at Berlin on 13 November 1908 (Berlin Act), revised at Rome on 2 June 1928 (Rome Act), revised at Brussels on 26 June 1948 (Brussels Act), revised at Stockholm on 14 July 1967 (Stockholm Act), revised at Paris on 24 July 1971 (Paris Act) and amended in 1979 (Berne Union).

(1) - date on which the State became Party to the Convention

(2) - latest Act of the Convention to which the State is party and date on which the State became party to that Act (Council of Europe Member States)

Austria: (1) 1 October 1920, (2) Paris: 21 August 1982

Belgium: (1) 5 December 1987, (2) Brussels: 1 August 1951; Stockholm, Articles 22 to 38: 12 February 1975

Bulgaria: (1) 5 December 1921, Paris: 4 December 1974

Cyprus: (1) 24 February 1964, (2) Paris: 27 July 1975

Czech Republic: (1) 1 January 1993, (2) Paris: 1 January 1993

Denmark: (1) 1 July 1903, (2) Paris: 30 June 1979

Estonia: (1) 26 October 1994, (2) Paris: 26 October 1994

Finland: (1) 1 April 1928, (2) Paris: 1 November 1986

France: (1) 5 December 1887, (2) Paris, Articles 1 to 21: 10 October 1974; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 15 December 1972

Germany: (1) 5 December 1887, (2) Paris, Articles 1 to 21: 10 October 1974; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 22 January 1974

Greece: (1) 9 November 1920, (2) Paris: 8 March 1976

Hungary: (1) 14 February 1922, (2) Paris, Articles 1 to 21: 10 October 1974; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 15 December 1972

Iceland: (1) 7 September 1947, (2) Rome: 7 September 197; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 28 December 1984

Ireland: (1) 5 October 1927, (2) Brussels: 5 July 1959; Stockholm, Articles 22 to 38: 21 December 1970

Italy: (1) 5 December 1887, (2) Paris: 14 November 1979

Liechtenstein: (1) 30 July 1931, (2) Brussels: 1 August 1951; Stockholm, Articles 22 to 38: 25 May 1972

Lithuania: (1) 14 December 1994, Paris: 14 December 1994

Luxembourg: (1) 20 June 1988, (2) Paris: 20 April 1975

Malta: (1) 21 September 1964, (2) Rome: 21 September 1964; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 12 December 1977

Netherlands: (1) 1 November 1912, (2) Paris, Articles 1 to 21: 30 January 1986; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 10 January 1975

Norway: (1) 13 April 1896, (2) Brussels: 28 January 1963; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 13 June 1974

Poland: (1) 28 January 1920, (2) Rome: 21 November 1935; Paris, Articles 1 to 21: 22 October 1994

Portugal: (1) 29 March 1911, (2) Paris: 12 January 1979 Roumania: (1) 1 January 1927, (2) Rome: 6 August 1936; Stockholm, Articles 22 to 38: 29 January or 26 February 1970

Slovakia: (1) 1 January 1993, (2) Paris: 1 January 1993 Spain: (1) 5 December 1887, (2) Articles 1 to 21: 10 October 1974; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 19 February 1974

Sweden: (1) 1 August 1904, (2) Paris, Articles 1 to 21: 10 October 1974; Paris, Articles 22 to 38: 20 September 1973

Switzerland: (1) 5 December 1887, (2) Brussels: 2 January 1956; Stockholm, Articles 22 to 38: 4 May 1970; Paris: 25 September 1993

Turkey: (1) 1 January 1952, (2) Brussels: 1 January 1952

United Kingdom: (1) 5 December 1887, (2) Brussels: 15 December 1957; Stockholm, Articles 22 to 38: 29 January or 26 February 1970

Treaty on the International Registration of Audiovisual Works

(Geneva, 20 April 1989; entry into force: 27 February 1991)

(S=signature, R=ratification)

(Council of Europe Member States)

Austria: 20 April 1989 (S), 27 February 1991 (R)

Czech Republic: 1 January 1993 (R)

France: 20 April 1989 (S), 27 February 1991 (R)

Greece: 29 December 1989 (S)

Hungary: 20 April 1989 (S)

Poland: 29 December 1989 (S)

Slovakia: 1 January 1993 (R)

Switzerland: 30 September 1993 (S)

B. UNESCO

Universal Copyright Convention

Adopted at Geneva (1952), revised at Paris (1971); entry into force of the 1952-text: 16 September 1955 and of the 1971-text: 10 July 1974

('1952'=1952-text, '1971'=1971-text; R=ratification, A=accession, D=declaration)

(Council of Europe Member States)

Austria: 2 April 1957 (1952-R), 14 May 1982 (1971-A)

Belgium: 31 May 1960 (1952-R)

Bulgaria: 7 March 1975 (1952-A), 7 March 1975 (1971-A)

Cyprus: 19 September 1990 (1952-A and 1971-A)

Czech Republic: 6 October 1959 (1952-D), 17 January 1980 (1971-D)

Denmark: 9 November 1961 (1952-R), 11 April 1979 (1971-R)

Finland: 16 January 1963 (1952-R), 1 August 1986 (1971-R)

France: 14 October 1955 (1952-R), 11 September 1972 (1971-R)

Germany: 3 June 1955 (1952-R), 18 October 1973 (1971-R) Greece: 24 May 1963 (1952-A)

Hungary: 23 October 1970 (1952-A), 15 September 1972 (1971-R)

Iceland: 18 September 1956 (1952-A)

Ireland: 20 October 1958 (1952-R)

Italy: 24 October 1956 (1952-R), 25 October 1979 (1971-R)

Liechtenstein: 22 October 1958 (1952-A)

Luxembourg: 15 July 1955 (1952-R)

Malta: 19 August 1968 (1952-A)

Netherlands: 22 March 1967 (1952-R), 30 August 1985 (1971-R)

Norway: 23 October 1962 (1952-R), 7 May 1974 (1971-R)

Poland: 9 December 1976 (1952-A), 9 December 1976 (1971-A)

Portugal: 25 September 1956 (1952-R), 30 April 1981 (1971-A)

Slovakia: 6 October 1959 (1952-D), 17 January 1980 (1971-D)

Slovenia: 11 February 1966 (1952-D), 3 July 1973 (1971-D)

Spain: 27 October 1954 (1952-R), 10 April 1974 (1971-R)

Sweden: 1 April 1961 (1952-R), 27 June 1973 (1971-R)

Switzerland: 30 December 1955 (1952-R)

United Kingdom: 27 June 1957 (1952-R), 19 May 1972 (1971-R)

C. WIPO-UNESCO

Convention relating to the distribution of programme-carrying signals transmitted by satellite / Convention concernant la distribution de signaux porteurs de programmes transmis par satellite

(Brussels, 21 May 1974, entry into force: 25 August 1979)

(Council of Europe Member States; date on which the State became Party to the Convention; R=ratification, A=acceptance, D=declaration)

Austria: 6 August 1982 (R)

Germany: 25 August 1979 (R)

Greece: 22 October 1991 (A)

Italy: 7 July 1981 (R)

Slovenia: 25 June 1991 (D)

Switzerland: 24 September 1993 (R)

Council of Europe Member States that have signed but not ratified the Satellite Convention:

Belgium, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

D. WIPO-UNESCO-ILO

International Convention for the protection of performers, producers of phonograms and broadcasting organisations

(Rome 26 October 1961, entry into force: 18 May 1964)

(Council of Europe Member States, date of entry into force, R=ratification, A=acceptance, D=declaration)

Austria: 9 June 1973 (R)

Czech Republic: 1 January 1993 (D)

Denmark: 23 September 1965 (R)

Finland: 21 October 1983 (R)

France: 3 July 1987 (R)

Germany: 21 October 1966 (R)

Greece: 6 January 1993 (A)

Hungary: 10 February 1995 (A) Iceland: 15 June 1994 (A)

Ireland: 19 September 1979 (R)

Italy: 8 April 1975 (R)

Luxembourg: 25 February 1976 (A)

Netherlands: 7 October 1993 (A)

Norway: 10 July 1978 (A)

Slovakia: 1 January 1993 (D)

Spain: 14 November 1991 (R)

Sweden: 18 May 1964 (R)

Switzerland: 24 September 1993

United Kingdom: 18 October 1964 (R)

(Council of Europe Member States having signed but not ratified the Rome Convention: Belgium and Portugal)

Convention for the protection of producers of phonograms against unauthorised duplication of their phonograms

(Geneva 29 October 1971, entry into force: 18 April 1973)

(Council of Europe Member States, date of entry into force, R=ratification, A=acceptance, D=declaration)

Austria: 21 August 1982 (R)

Chypre: 30 September 1993 (A)

Czech Republic: 15 January 1985 (D)

Denmark: 24 March 1977 (R)
Finland: 18 April 1973 (R)
France: 18 April 1973 (R)
Germany: 18 May 1974 (R)
Greece: 9 February 1994 (A)
Hungary: 28 may 1975 (A)
Italy: 24 March 1975 (R)
Luxembourg: 8 March 1976 (R)
Netherlands: 12 October 1993 (A)
Norway: 1 August 1978 (R)
Slovakia: 15 January 1985 (D)
Spain: 24 August 1974 (R)
Sweden: 18 April 1973 (R)
Switzerland: 30 September 1993 (R)
United Kingdom: 18 April 1973 (R)

