

[DE] 11th Inter-State Broadcasting Agreement Adopted

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On 12 June 2008, the Minister-Presidents of the *Länder* held their concluding discussions and signed the *11. Staatsvertrag zur Änderung rundfunkrechtlicher Staatsverträge* (11th Inter-State Agreement Amending Inter-State Broadcasting Agreements - RÄStV).

The new text mainly serves to incorporate the increase in broadcasting licence fees. It also prolongs the financing structure of the jugendschutz.net institution for a further four years.

It is probable that this Inter-State Agreement will no longer include any revised regulations governing the internal income redistribution system within the ARD, which could extend beyond the compromise reached between the Directors General. For the time being, the report of the *Kommission zur Ermittlung des Finanzbedarfs der Rundfunkanstalten* (Commission for Establishing the Financial Requirements of Broadcasters - KEF) is awaited.

As long as all ratification documents are submitted by 31 December 2008, the Agreement should enter into force on 1 January 2009.

Entwurf des 11. Rundfunkänderungsstaatsvertrags

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