Notification of the Swiss Government to the Governments of Unionist Countries

Carrying out the instructions issued by the Federal Political Department on February 18, 1965, the Embassy of Switzerland has the honour to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as follows:

On November 19, 1964, the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Switzerland has transmitted to the Federal Political Department a letter of November 2, 1964, by which the New Zealand High Commissioner at London, on behalf of the Government of New Zealand, has notified the Political Department of the application of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works revised at Rome on June 2, 1928, to the Cook Islands (including Niue) and to the Tokelau Islands. This declaration refers to Article 26, paragraph (1), of the said Convention.

According to paragraph (3) of its Article 25, the declaration of New Zealand will take effect on March 18, 1965.

The present notification has been made in application of Article 26, paragraph (3), of the above-mentioned Convention.

Protocol to the European Agreement on the Protection of Television Broadcasts

The member States of the Council of Europe, signatory hereto,

Considering the desirability of amending the European Agreement on the Protection of Television Broadcasts, signed at Strasbourg on 22nd June, 1960, hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”;

Considering that the International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations, signed in Rome on 26th October, 1961, entered into force on 18th May, 1964,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. — Paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

“Subject to paragraph 2 of Article 1, and Articles 13 and 14, the protection provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 1 shall last not less than a period of twenty years from the end of the year in which the broadcast took place.”

2. — Paragraph 2 of Article 2 of the Agreement shall be deleted.

Article 2

1. — Sub-paragraph 1 (a) of Article 3 of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

“(a) withhold the protection provided for in sub-paragraph 1 (b) of Article 1 as regards broadcasting organisations constituted in their territory or transmitting from such territory, and restrict the exercise of such protection, as regards broadcasts by broadcasting organisations constituted in the territory of another Party to this Agreement or transmitting from such territory, to a percentage of the transmissions by

1) See Le Droit d’Auteur, 1960, p. 201.