

7 APRIL 2005. – Royal Decree charging a society to assure the collection and the distribution of the right of remuneration for public lending

ALBERT II, King of Belgium,

To all here present and to be present in the future, Greetings.

In consideration of the law of 30 June 1994, relative to the matter of copyright and neighbouring rights, notably with respect to the article 63, paragraph 2;

Considering that, with reference to article 63, paragraph 2, of the law of 30 June 1994 relative to the matter of copyright and neighbouring rights, the King may charge a society that is representative of all of the copyright administration societies to assure the collection and the distribution of remunerations for public lending;

Considering that the Royal Decree of 25 April 2004, relative to the right of remuneration for public lending of authors, artist-interpreters, or performers, producers of phonograms, and producers of first fixations of films, has taken effect as of 1 January 2004, that in application of article 7 of the Royal Decree, the lending institutions must provide within 60 business days dating as of 1 January 2005 a declaration to the copyright administration society charged by the King to collect and to distribute the remunerations for public lending;

Considering that the society charged to assure the collection and the distribution of the remunerations for public lending must be representative of all of the copyright administration societies;

Considering that the civil society incorporated in the legal form of a cooperative society of limited liability, named Repobel, operating under business number 0453.088.681, takes for its objects the administration of the rights of remuneration for public lending as referred to in articles 62 to 64 of the afore-mentioned law of 30 June 1994, relating to works fixed on a graphic or similar medium;

Considering that the society Repobel has been authorised to carry out her activities on the national territory by ministerial decree dated 27 July 1996 and issued in application of article 67 of the afore-mentioned law of 30 June 1994;

Considering that the society Repobel has engaged herself to adapt within the shortest possible delay her articles of association in order to be able to extend her administration to the entirety of the categories of works referred to in article 62 of the afore-mentioned law of 30 June 1994;

Considering that the society Repobel has, furthermore, engaged herself to represent all of the copyright administration societies that handle the remunerations for public lending;

Considering under these conditions that the society Repobel has been appointed until 1 November 2005;

On the recommendation of Our Minister of Economic Affairs,
We have decreed and so decree:

Article 1. The civil society incorporated in the legal form of a cooperative society of limited

liability and named « Reprobel », operating under business number 0453.088.681, has been charged to assure the collection and the distribution of the rights of remuneration referred to in articles 62 to 64 of the law of 30 June 1994, relative to the matter of copyright and neighbouring rights.

Art. 2. The present decree shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Moniteur Belge and shall expire on 1 November 2005.

Art. 3. Our minister who is responsible in the matter of copyright has been charged with the implementation of the present Decree.

Executed in Brussels, on 7 April 2005.

ALBERT

In the name of the King:

The Minister of Economic Affairs,

M. VERWILGHEN