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EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 154/1999

of 26 November 1999

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex I to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 142/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 5 November 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Point 4(a) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement lays down the rules concerning the exchange of information between the Community and the EFTA States. There is also a need for a more rapid procedure for communicating the lists of establishments in the European Economic Area approved for the purpose of the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 9 (date of entry into force of the acts in Chapter I) in the introductory part of Chapter I of Annex I to the Agreement:

'10. Lists of establishments in the European Economic Area

- In addition to the procedure laid down in paragraph 4(a) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement, the EC Member States and EFTA States shall communicate directly to all other EC Member States and EFTA States the lists of establishments approved for the purposes of this Agreement.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 15, 18.1.2001, p. 34.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 155/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex I to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 142/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 5 November 1999⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The transitional period during which direct landing of frozen fish is authorised in Iceland at a number of preselected border inspection posts is to be prolonged,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

In Annex I to the Agreement, Chapter I, part I(39) (Commission Decision 95/357/EC) the date '31 December 1998' in the adaptation to the Annex to Commission Decision 95/357/EC regarding Iceland shall be replaced by the date '31 December 1999'.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 15, 18.1.2001, p. 34.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 156/1999

of 26 November 1999

amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 143/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 5 November 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Directive 1999/7/EC of 26 January 1999 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 70/311/EEC relating to the steering equipment for motor vehicles and their trailers ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 6 (Council Directive 70/311/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘— **399 L 0007**: Commission Directive 1999/7/EC of 26 January 1999 (OJ L 40, 13.2.1999, p. 36).’

Article 2

The texts of Directive 1999/7/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 15, 18.1.2001, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 40, 13.2.1999, p. 36.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 157/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 143/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 5 November 1999⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Directive 1999/14/EC of 16 March 1999 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 77/538/EEC relating to rear fog lamps for motor vehicles and their trailers⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (3) Commission Directive 1999/15/EC of 16 March 1999 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 76/759/EEC relating to direction indicator lamps for motor vehicles and their trailers⁽³⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (4) Commission Directive 1999/16/EC of 16 March 1999 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 77/540/EEC relating to parking lamps for motor vehicles⁽⁴⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (5) Commission Directive 1999/17/EC of 18 March 1999 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 77/761/EEC relating to motor vehicles headlamps with function as main-beam and/or dipped-beam headlamps and to incandescent electric filament lamps for such headlamps⁽⁵⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (6) Commission Directive 1999/18/EC of 18 March 1999 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 77/762/EEC relating to front fog lamps for motor vehicles and filament lamps for such lamps⁽⁶⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Point 29 (Council Directive 77/538/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following indent shall be added:

— **399 L 0014:** Commission Directive 1999/14/EC of 16 March 1999 (OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 1).'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 15, 18.1.2001, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 14.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 33.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 45.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 82.

2. The adaptation text shall be replaced by the following:

‘In Annex I, the following shall be added to point 4.2.1:

“IS for Iceland

FL for Liechtenstein

16 for Norway”.’

Article 2

Point 24 (Council Directive 76/759/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following indent shall be added:

‘— **399 L 0015**: Commission Directive 1999/15/EC of 16 March 1999 (OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 14).’

2. The adaptation text shall be replaced by the following:

‘In Annex I, the following shall be added to point 4.2.1:

“IS for Iceland

FL for Liechtenstein

16 for Norway”.’

Article 3

Point 31 (Council Directive 77/540/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following indent shall be added:

‘— **399 L 0016**: Commission Directive 1999/16/EC of 16 March 1999 (OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 33).’

2. The adaptation text shall be replaced by the following:

‘In Annex I, the following shall be added to point 4.2.1:

“IS for Iceland

FL for Liechtenstein

16 for Norway”.’

Article 4

Point 26 (Council Directive 76/761/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following indent shall be added:

‘— **399 L 0017**: Commission Directive 1999/17/EC of 18 March 1999 (OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 45).’

2. The adaptation text shall be replaced by the following:

‘In Annex I, the following shall be added to points 5.2.1 and 6.2.1:

“IS for Iceland

FL for Liechtenstein

16 for Norway”.’

Article 5

Point 27 (Council Directive 76/762/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following indent shall be added:

‘— **399 L 0018:** Commission Directive 1999/18/EC of 18 March 1999 (OJ L 97, 12.4.1999, p. 82).’

2. The adaptation text shall be replaced by the following:

‘In Annex I, the following shall be added to point 4.2.1:

“IS for Iceland

FL for Liechtenstein

16 for Norway”.’

Article 6

The texts of Directives 1999/14/EC, 1999/15/EC, 1999/16/EC, 1999/17/EC and 1999/18/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 7

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 8

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 158/1999

of 26 November 1999

amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 104/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 24 September 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 330/1999 of 12 February 1999 amending Section C of Annex VI to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 18 (Council Directive 79/112/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘— **399 R 0330:** Commission Regulation (EC) No 330/1999 of 12 February 1999 (OJ L 40, 13.2.1999, p. 23).’

Article 2

The texts of Regulation (EC) No 330/1999 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 325, 21.12.2000, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 40, 13.2.1999, p. 23.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 159/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 104/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 24 September 1999⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Directive 1999/10/EC of 8 March 1999 providing for derogations from the provisions of Article 7 of Council Directive 79/112/EEC as regards the labelling of foodstuffs⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 18 (Council Directive 79/112/EEC) in Chapter XII of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘— **399 L 0010:** Commission Directive 1999/10/EC of 8 March 1999 (OJ L 69, 16.3.1999, p. 22).’

Article 2

The texts of Directive 1999/10/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 325, 21.12.2000, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 69, 16.3.1999, p. 22.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 160/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 104/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 24 September 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Directive 1999/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 February 1999 relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (3) Directive 1999/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council repeals, with effect from 13 September 2000, Council Directive 77/436/EEC of 27 June 1977 on the approximation of laws of the Member States relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts, which is incorporated into the Agreement, and which is consequently to be repealed from the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 54s (Commission Directive 98/53/EC) in Chapter XII of Annex II to the Agreement:

'54t. **399 L 0004:** Directive 1999/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 February 1999 relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts (OJ L 66, 13.3.1999, p. 26).'

Article 2

The text of point 14 (Directive 77/436/EEC) in Chapter XII of Annex II to the Agreement shall be deleted with effect from 13 September 2000.

Article 3

The texts of Directive 1999/4/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 325, 21.12.2000, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 66, 13.3.1999, p. 26.

Article 5

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 161/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 105/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 24 September 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 508/1999 of 4 March 1999 amending Annexes I to IV to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 14 (Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90) in Chapter XIII of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘— **399 R 0508:** Commission Regulation (EC) No 508/1999 of 4 March 1999 (OJ L 60, 9.3.1999, p. 16).’

Article 2

The texts of Regulation (EC) No 508/1999 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 325, 21.12.2000, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 60, 9.3.1999, p. 16.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 162/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 63/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 28 May 1999⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Directive 98/101/EC of 22 December 1998 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 91/157/EEC on batteries and accumulators containing certain dangerous substances⁽²⁾, is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 11 (Council Directive 91/157/EEC) in Chapter XV of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘— **398 L 0101**: Commission Directive 98/101/EC of 22 December 1998 (OJ L 1, 5.1.1999, p. 1).’

Article 2

The texts of Directive 98/101/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 284, 9.11.2000, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 1, 5.1.1999, p. 1.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 163/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 63/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 28 May 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Directive 1999/1/EC of 21 January 1999 including an active substance (kresoxim-methyl) in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market ⁽²⁾, is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 12a (Council Directive 91/414/EEC) in Chapter XV of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘— **399 L 0001:** Commission Directive 1999/1/EC of 21 January 1999 (OJ L 21, 28.1.1999, p. 21).’

Article 2

The texts of Directive 1999/1/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 284, 9.11.2000, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 21, 28.1.1999, p. 21.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 164/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 112/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 24 September 1999⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Decision 98/734/EC of 30 November 1998 on a common technical regulation for land mobile satellite earth stations (LMES) operating in the 1,5/1,6 GHz frequency bands⁽²⁾, is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 4zz (Commission Decision 98/578/EC) in Chapter XVIII of Annex II to the Agreement:

'4zza. **398 D 0734:** Commission Decision 98/734/EC of 30 November 1998 on a common technical regulation for land mobile satellite earth stations (LMES) operating in the 1,5/1,6 GHz frequency bands (OJ L 351, 29.12.1998, p. 37).'

Article 2

The texts of Decision 98/734/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 325, 21.12.2000, p. 23.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 351, 29.12.1998, p. 37.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 165/1999

of 26 November 1999

amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 7/94 of the EEA Joint Committee of 21 March 1994⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Directive 96/100/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 February 1997 amending the Annex to Directive 93/7/EEC on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 1 (Council Directive 93/7/EEC) in Chapter XXVIII of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘, as amended by:

- **396 L 0100:** Directive 96/100/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 February 1997 (OJ L 60, 1.3.1997, p. 59).’

Article 2

The texts of Directive 96/100/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 28.6.1994, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 60, 1.3.1997, p. 59.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 166/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 7/94 of the EEA Joint Committee of 21 March 1994⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 1 (Council Directive 93/42/EEC) in Chapter XXX of Annex II to the Agreement:

2. **398 L 0079:** Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices (OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1), as corrected by OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 75.'

Article 2

1. The following indent shall be added in point 1 (Directive 98/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Chapter XXIV of Annex II to the Agreement:

— **398 L 0079:** Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 (OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1), as corrected by OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 75.'

2. The following shall be added in point 1 (Council Directive 93/42/EEC) in Chapter XXX of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘, as amended by:

— **398 L 0079:** Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 (OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1), as corrected by OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 75.’

Article 3

The texts of Directive 98/79/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 28.6.1994, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 5

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 167/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex IV (Energy) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex IV to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 29/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 26 March 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Council Directive 90/547/EC of 29 October 1990 on the transit of electricity through transmission grids ⁽²⁾ is incorporated into Annex IV to the Agreement;
- (3) Entities and grids that are covered by Council Directive 90/547/EEC are listed in the Annex thereto and the entities and grids relevant for the application of the Directive in respect of the EFTA States are listed in Appendix 1 to Annex IV to the Agreement.
- (4) Annex IV to the Agreement, point 8(a)(iii) states that each of the entities concerned may request that, with regard to trade between the Community and an EFTA State, the conditions of transit be subject to a conciliation procedure to be decided by the EEA Joint Committee.
- (5) The European Commission, by Decision 92/167/EEC of 4 March 1992 setting up a Committee of experts on the transit of electricity between grids ⁽³⁾, has decided that this Committee shall also act as the conciliation body within the Community, as provided for in Article 3(4) of Directive 90/547/EEC.
- (6) A conciliation committee needs to be set up, with regard to trade between the Community and an EFTA State, to deal with requests for conciliation from entities concerned.
- (7) The conciliation procedure to be applied under Annex IV, point 8(a)(iii) is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following new text shall replace the words 'to a conciliation procedure to be decided by the EEA Joint Committee' in point 8(a)(iii) (Council Directive 90/547/EEC) of Annex IV to the Agreement:

'to the conciliation procedure set out in Appendix 4'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 266, 19.10.2000, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 313, 13.11.1990, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 74, 20.3.1992, p. 43.

Article 2

Annex IV to the Agreement shall be amended as specified in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

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ANNEX

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The following shall be added as a new Appendix 4 to Annex IV to the Agreement:

'APPENDIX 4

With regard to trade in electricity between an EFTA State and the Community, the conditions of transit shall be subject to the following conciliation procedure when an entity concerned requests it.

Article 1

A conciliation committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", shall be set up on an ad hoc basis on the initiative of the European Commission or the EFTA Surveillance Authority.

Article 2

Responsibilities

The task of the Committee shall be to propose conciliation compromises, at the request of the negotiating parties, in the event of specific requests for transit.

Article 3

Composition

The Committee shall comprise eight members, namely:

- three representatives of high-voltage grids not involved in the negotiations relating to the specific request for transit on which conciliation has been requested. The representatives shall have a widely recognised competence and practical experience in the field of electricity transit. They shall be chosen by the Chairman and the Rapporteur, from among the 18 representatives of the high-voltage grids of the Member States of the European Union and the EFTA States. These 18 representatives are the 15 representatives of the grids which are members of the Committee of Experts on the Transit of Electricity between Grids⁽¹⁾ and three representatives, proposed by the EFTA Surveillance Authority, of the high-voltage grids in the EFTA States,
- one representative of the European Commission and one representative of the EFTA Surveillance Authority,
- two independent experts, one from the Community and one from an EFTA State. The Chairman and the Rapporteur shall appoint these two independent experts from a list which shall be established jointly by the European Commission and the EFTA Surveillance Authority and be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*,
- one representative of Eurelectric/Nordel, appointed jointly by the Chairman and the Rapporteur.

The members of the Committee shall not be citizens of or permanently reside in a State involved in the transit negotiation. Actual or apparent conflicts of interest are to be avoided.

Article 4

Operation

1. The Committee shall be chaired by:

- the representative from the Commission if the entity requesting conciliation is located in the Community,
- the representative of the EFTA Surveillance Authority if the entity requesting conciliation is located in an EFTA State.

These two representatives shall together set up the Committee.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Decision 92/167/EEC of 4 March 1992 (OJ L 74, 20.3.1992, p. 43).

2. The Authority not in chair shall act as Rapporteur while the Authority in chair shall provide secretariat services for the Committee.
3. The meetings of the Committee shall be held in Brussels, or in another place if the Chairman and Rapporteur agree.
4. The Committee shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

Article 5

Conciliation

1. Only the parties to a dispute relating to a specific request for transit may refer a matter to the Committee.
2. Neither the Chairman nor the Rapporteur shall vote.
3. Any conciliation request must be acted upon.
4. The representatives of the grids involved in the negotiations on a specific request for transit on which conciliation by the Committee has been requested shall be invited to present their views.
5. After discussion by the Committee, the Rapporteur shall formulate a conciliation compromise on which there is likely to be a consensus among the six members of the Committee who have the right to vote. In the event of disagreement, the Rapporteur shall formulate a conciliation compromise on which there is likely to be agreement among a majority of the same six members. In that event, the opinion of the minority members shall be put on record.
6. The Chairman shall submit the conciliation compromise to the parties, accompanied by any minority opinion, as soon as possible and at the latest before the end of a period of three months from the date on which the request for conciliation by the Committee was submitted.
7. The outcome of the conciliation procedure shall not have binding force.
8. Representatives of the States concerned by a request for transit may take part in the conciliation procedure as observers.

Article 6

Confidentiality

Members of the Committee and any observers shall be required not to disclose information brought to their knowledge through the work of the Committee, where the Chairman informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised relates to a confidential matter.'

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 168/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex IV (Energy) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex IV to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 29/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 26 March 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Directive 96/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 1996 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (3) The share of the national market, as referred to in Article 19(1) of Directive 96/92/EC, shall for the purposes of the Agreement be based on the calculation of the average Community share of electricity market opening,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be added after point 13 (Directive 96/57/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Annex IV to the Agreement:

- '14. **396 L 0092:** Directive 96/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 1996 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity (OJ L 27, 30.1.1997, p. 20).

The provisions of the Directive shall for the purposes of the present Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) in Article 3(2), "the relevant provisions of the Treaty, in particular Article 90" shall read "the relevant provisions of the EEA Agreement, in particular Article 59";
- (b) in Article 3(3), "Article 90 of the Treaty" shall read "Article 59 of the EEA Agreement";
- (c) in Article 3(3), the words "The interests of the Community" shall read "The interests of the Contracting Parties";
- (d) in Article 7(2), the following shall be added at the end: ", as referred to in, and adapted for the purposes of, the EEA Agreement";
- (e) in Article 14(2), the following shall be added to the first sentence: ", as referred to in, and adapted for the purposes of, the EEA Agreement";

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 266, 19.10.2000, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 27, 30.1.1997, p. 20.

- (f) in Article 14(5), the phrase “seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983 based on Article 54(3)(g) of the Treaty on consolidated accounts” shall read “seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983 based in Article 54(3)(g) of the Treaty on consolidated accounts as referred to in, and adapted for the purposes of, the EEA Agreement”;
- (g) the obligation on Member States laid down in Article 19(1) and (2) to report figures on electricity consumed by final consumers for the purpose of calculating the average Community share defining the degree of market opening, shall not apply to the EFTA States;
- (h) in Article 22, the words “the provisions of the Treaty, and in particular Article 86 thereof” shall read “the provisions of the EEA Agreement and in particular Article 54 thereof”;
- (i) those EFTA States in which commitments and guarantees of operation given before the entry into force of Decision No 168/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 26 November 1999 may not be honoured on account of the provisions of that Decision, may apply for a transitional regime pursuant to Article 24(1) and (2). Applications of a transitional period must be notified to the EFTA Surveillance Authority no later than six months after the entry into force of Decision No 168/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 26 November 1999;
- (j) in Article 24(3), the following shall be added to the last sentence: “, Iceland and Liechtenstein”;
- (k) in Article 27(2), the following shall be added at the end: “Iceland and Liechtenstein may, due to the specific technical characteristics of their electricity system, have a additional period of two years after the entry into force of Decision No 168/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 26 November 1999 to apply the obligations ensuing from the Directive.”

Article 2

The texts of Directive 96/92/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 169/1999

of 26 November 1999

amending Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex XIII to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 85/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 25 June 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Council Directive 98/76/EC of 1 October 1998 amending Directive 96/26/EC on admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications intended to facilitate for these operators the right to freedom of establishment in national and international transport operations ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (3) Liechtenstein is to be granted a transitional period with regard to the provisions of Directive 98/76/EC,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following shall be added in point 19 (Council Directive 96/26/EC) in Annex XIII to the Agreement:

‘, as amended by:

— **398 L 0076:** Council Directive 98/76/EC of 1 October 1998 (OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 17).

The provisions of the Directive shall, for the purposes of the present Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) Liechtenstein shall comply with the amendments made to the Directive by Council Directive 98/76/EC by 26 November 2000;
- (b) in Article 3(3)(c), regarding the EFTA States, “those national currencies which are non-participants in the third stage of monetary union”, shall read “the national currencies of the EFTA States” and “published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*” shall read “published officially in each EFTA State”;
- (c) the EFTA States shall recognise the Community certificate issued by the EC Member States in accordance with Article 3(4)(d) of the Directive. For the purposes of such recognition, in the provisions of the Community certificate set out in Annex Ia to the Directive, references to “Member State(s)” shall read “EC Member State(s), Iceland, Liechtenstein and/or Norway”;
- (d) the Community and the EC Member States shall recognise the certificate issued by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway in accordance with the Directive as adapted in Appendix 7 to this Annex;
- (e) when issued by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, the certificate shall correspond to the model set out in Appendix 7 to this Annex.’

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 296, 23.11.2000, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 17.

Article 2

The Appendix in the Annex to this Decision shall become Appendix 7 to Annex XIII to the Agreement.

Article 3

The texts of Directive 98/76/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 5

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

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'APPENDIX 7

CERTIFICATE REFERRED TO IN ANNEX Ia OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 98/76/EC, AS ADAPTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE EEA AGREEMENT

(see adaptation (d) in point 19 of Annex XIII to the Agreement)

ANNEX Ia

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

(Stout fawn paper — Format: DIN A4)

(Text in the official language(s) or one of the official languages of the EFTA State issuing the certificate)

Distinctive symbol of the EFTA State concerned⁽¹⁾Designation of the competent authority or body⁽²⁾**CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IN NATIONAL (AND INTERNATIONAL)⁽³⁾ ROAD HAULAGE (PASSENGER TRANSPORT)⁽³⁾**

No ...

We⁽²⁾ hereby certify:(a) that⁽⁴⁾

born in on

has passed the tests of the examination (year:; session:⁽⁵⁾) organised for the award of the certificate of professional competence in national (and international)⁽³⁾ road haulage (passenger transport)⁽³⁾ in accordance with⁽⁶⁾(b) that the person referred to in (a) is qualified to work in a professional capacity in an undertaking responsible for road haulage (road passenger transport)⁽³⁾— engaging solely in national transport⁽³⁾,— engaging in international transport⁽³⁾,⁽¹⁾ Distinctive symbol of the State: (IS) Iceland, (FL) Liechtenstein, (N) Norway.⁽²⁾ Authority or body designated in advance for this purpose by each EFTA State to issue this certificate.⁽³⁾ Delete as appropriate.⁽⁴⁾ Surname and forenames; place and date of birth.⁽⁵⁾ Identification of the examination.⁽⁶⁾ Reference to the provisions of national law adopted in this field in accordance with the abovementioned Directive.

This certificate constitutes the sufficient proof of professional competence referred to in Article 10(1) of Council Directive 96/26/EC of 29 April 1996 on admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications intended to facilitate for these operators the right to freedom of establishment in national and international transport operations, as adapted for the purposes of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Issued at , on

..... ⁽⁷⁾

⁽⁷⁾ Signature and stamp of the competent authority or body issuing the certificate.'

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 170/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex XIII to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 33/97 of the EEA Joint Committee of 29 May 1997⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Directive 1999/52/EC of 26 May 1999 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 96/96/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following shall be added in point 16a (Council Directive 96/96/EC) in Annex XIII to the Agreement:

‘, as amended by:

— **399 L 0052:** Commission Directive 1999/52/EC of 26 May 1999 (OJ L 142, 5.6.1999, p. 26).’

Article 2

The texts of Directive 1999/52/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 2.10.1997, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 142, 5.6.1999, p. 26.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 171/1999

of 26 November 1999

amending Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex XIII to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 25/97 of the EEA Joint Committee of 30 April 1997⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Decision 1999/569/EC of 28 July 1999 on the basic parameters for the command-and-control and signalling subsystem relating to the trans-European high-speed rail system⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 37a (Council Directive 96/48/EC) in Annex XIII to the Agreement:

'37b. **399 D 0569:** Commission Decision 1999/569/EC of 28 July 1999 on the basic parameters for the command-and-control and signalling subsystem relating to the trans-European high-speed rail system (OJ L 216, 14.8.1999, p. 23), as corrected by OJ L 236, 7.9.1999, p. 38.'

Article 2

The texts of Decision 1999/569/EC, as corrected by OJ L 236, 7.9.1999, in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 242, 4.9.1997, p. 74.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 216, 14.8.1999, p. 23, as corrected by OJ L 236, 7.9.1999, p. 38.

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 172/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 22/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 26 February 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include the second phase of the Community vocational training action programme 'Leonardo da Vinci' (Council Decision 1999/382/EC ⁽²⁾).
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2000,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 4 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 2b:

'2c. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 2000, participate in the following Community programme:

— **399 D 0382:** Council Decision 1999/382/EC of 26 April 1999 establishing the second phase of the Community vocational training action programme "Leonardo da Vinci" (OJ L 146, 11.6.1999, p. 33).'

2. The text of paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'The EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) to the programmes and actions referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 2a, 2b, and 2c.'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 29 February 2000, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 22.6.2000, p. 47.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 146, 11.6.1999, p. 33.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 173/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 8/94 of the EEA Joint Committee of 7 June 1994 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include a general framework for Community activities in favour of consumers (Decision No 283/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾).
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2000,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following paragraphs shall be added in Article 6 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement after paragraph 2:

'3. The EFTA States shall, from 1 January 2000, participate in the Community activities which may result from the following act as well as from acts deriving therefrom:

— **399 D 0283:** Decision No 283/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 January 1999 establishing a general framework for Community activities in favour of consumers (OJ L 34, 9.2.1999, p. 1).

4. The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the activities referred to in paragraph 3 in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement.

5. The EFTA States shall, as from the start of cooperation in the activities referred to in paragraph 3, participate fully in the EC committees and other bodies which assist the Commission in the management or development of these activities.'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2000, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 198, 30.7.1994, p. 142.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 34, 9.2.1999, p. 1.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 174/1999****of 26 November 1999****amending Protocol 47 to the EEA Agreement, on the abolition of technical barriers to trade in wine**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 47 to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 73/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 28 May 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2770/98 of 21 December 1998 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3201/90 laying down detailed rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts ⁽²⁾, is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 26 (Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3201/90) in Appendix 1 to Protocol 47 to the Agreement:

‘— **398 R 2770:** Commission Regulation (EC) No 2770/98 of 21 December 1998 (OJ L 346, 22.12.1998, p. 25).’

Article 2

The texts of Regulation (EC) No 2770/98 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 November 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

N. v. LIECHTENSTEIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 284, 9.11.2000, p. 63.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 346, 22.12.1998, p. 25.