

Agreement on the  
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 17/96**  
**of 26 March 1996**

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 Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 14/96 of 4 March 1996<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas Commission Directive 95/31/EC of 5 July 1995 laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs<sup>2</sup> is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The following indent shall be added in point 16 (Council Directive 78/663/EEC) in Chapter XII of Annex II to the Agreement:

"- **395 L 0031**: Commission Directive 95/31/EC of 5 July 1995 (OJ No L 178, 28.7.1995, p. 1)."

2. The following point shall be inserted after point 46 (Commission Directive 89/107/EEC) of Chapter XII of Annex II to the Agreement:

"46a. **395 L 0031**: Commission Directive 95/31/EC of 5 July 1995 laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (OJ No L 178, 28.7.1995, p. 1)."

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 00, 00.0.0000, p. 0.

<sup>2</sup> OJ No L 178, 28.7.1995, p. 1.

Article 2

The texts of Commission Directive 95/31/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 1 April 1996, 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 March 1996.

For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President

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P. Benavides

The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee

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