Agreement on the European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 104/97 of 17 December 1997

amending Annexes XI (Telecommunication services) and XIV (Competition) 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 XI and Annex XIV to the Agreement were amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 25/95 of 19 May 1995¹;

Whereas Commission Directive 95/51/EC of 18 October 1995 amending Directive 90/388/EEC regarding the abolition of the restrictions of the use of cable television networks for the provision of already liberalised telecommunications services² is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following new indent shall be added in point 3 (Commission Directive 90/388/EEC) of Annex XI to the Agreement:

"- **395 L 0051:** Commission Directive 95/51/EC of 18 October 1995 (OJ L 256, 26.10.1995, p. 49).".

Article 2

The following new indent shall be added in point 13 (Commission Directive 90/388/EEC) of Annex XIV to the Agreement:

¹ OJ L 251, 19.10.1995, p. 31.

² OJ L 256, 26.10.1995, p. 49.

"- **395 L 0051:** Commission Directive 95/51/EC of 18 October 1995 (OJ L 256, 26.10.1995, p. 49).

The provisions of Directive 95/51/EC shall, for the purposes of the present Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

Iceland shall put into effect the measures necessary to comply with Directive 95/51/EC as from 1 January 1998, subject to

- (i) allowing future voice telephony providers to launch trial services on a provisional basis before that date; and
- (ii) making public, before that date, future authorization requirements.".

Article 3

The texts of Commission Directive 95/51/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 18 December 1997, 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, 17 December 1997.

For the EEA Joint Committee The President

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The Secretaries to the EEA Joint Committee

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