

Agreement on the  
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 6/1999**  
**of 29 January 1999**

amending Annex XI (Telecommunication Services)  
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 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 120/98 of 18 December 1998<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas Decision No 710/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 1997 on a coordinated authorisation approach in the field of satellite personal-communication services in the Community<sup>2</sup> is to be incorporated into the Agreement;

Whereas the international aspects of Decision No 710/97/EC are to be adapted for the purposes of the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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2 OJ L 105, 23.4.1997, p. 4.

## Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 5c (Directive 95/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Annex XI to the Agreement:

“5ca. **397 D 0710:** Decision No 710/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 1997 on a coordinated authorisation approach in the field of satellite personal-communication services in the Community (OJ L 105, 23.4.1997, p. 4).

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

as regards relations with third countries described in Article 9 of the Decision, the following shall apply:

1. With a view to achieving a maximum degree of convergence in the application of a third-country regime in relation to satellite personal-communication services, the Contracting Parties shall exchange information as described in Article 9(1) and consultations shall be held regarding matters referred to in Articles 9(2) within the framework of the EEA Joint Committee and according to specific procedures to be agreed by the Contracting Parties.
2. Whenever the Community negotiates with a third country on the basis of Article 9(2), in order to obtain effective and comparable access for its organisations, it shall endeavour to obtain equal treatment for organisations of the EFTA-States.”

## Article 2

The texts of Decision No 710/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 30 January 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, 29 January 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President

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F. Barbaso

The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee

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