DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 124/1999

of 24 September 1999

amending Annex XXI (Statistics) 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 XXI to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 14/1999 of 29 January 1999 ¹;

Whereas it has become necessary, in order to maintain the homogeneity of the Agreement in the area of statistics and in order to ensure the production and dissemination of coherent and comparable statistical information for describing and monitoring all relevant economic, social and environmental aspects of the European Economic Area, to incorporate into Annex XXI to the Agreement a number of legal acts adopted by the European Community during the time which has passed since the last amendments were made to Annex XXI;

Whereas, in consideration of their respective specific situation, Iceland and Liechtenstein are to be exempted from certain statistical requirements;

Whereas the derogations granted by the Commission to the Member States in Article 1 of Commission Decision 98/385/EC are, as regards the EFTA States, without prejudice to the procedures established among them under Article 4(d) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

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

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Article 2

The texts of Commission Decision 98/385/EC², Council Regulation (EC) No 1687/98³, Council Regulation (EC) No 1688/98⁴, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1232/98⁵ and Council Decision 98/582/EC⁶ 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 25 September 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, 24 September 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee The President

N. v. Liechtenstein

The Secretaries to the EEA Joint Committee

G. Vik E. Gerner

OJ L 174, 18.6.1998, p. 1.

³ OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p. 12.

⁴ OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p. 23.

OJ L 177, 22.6.1998, p. 1.

⁶ OJ L 281, 17.10.1998, p. 36.

ANNEX

to Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 124/1999

Annex XXI (STATISTICS) to the Agreement shall be amended as specified below.

A. TRANSPORT AND TOURISM STATISTICS

Point 7b (Council Directive 95/64/EC) shall be amended as follows:

- (i) the following shall be inserted before the adaptations:
 - ', as amended by:
 - **398 D 0385:** Commission Decision 98/385/EC of 13 May 1998 (OJ L 174, 18.6.1998, p. 1).';
- (ii) adaptation (b) shall be deleted.

B. ECONOMIC STATISTICS

The following shall be added in point 19b (Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96):

', as amended by:

- **398 R 1687**: Council Regulation (EC) No 1687/98 of 20 July 1998 (OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p. 12),
- **398 R 1688**: Council Regulation (EC) No 1688/98 of 20 July 1998 (OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p. 23).'

C. NOMENCLATURES

The following shall be inserted in point 20b (Council Regulation (EC) No 3696/93) before the adaptation:

', as amended by:

- **398 R 1232**: Commission Regulation (EC) No 1232/98 of 17 June 1998 (OJ L 177, 22.6.1998, p. 1).'

D. AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

The following shall be inserted in point 22 (Commission Decision 97/80/EC) before the adaptations:

', as amended by:

- **398 D 0582**: Council Decision 98/582/EC of 6 October 1998 (OJ L 281, 17.10.1998, p. 36).'