

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**

**No 40/2000**

**of 11 April 2000**

**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 of the EEA Joint Committee No 71/1999 of 2 June 1999 <sup>1</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Council Decision 1999/847/EC of 9 December 1999, establishing a Community action programme in the field of civil protection <sup>2</sup>.
- (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:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L ...

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 53.

### *Article 1*

The following indent shall be added in Article 10(8) (Civil protection) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- '— **399 D 0847**: Council Decision 1999/847/EC of 9 December 1999 establishing a Community action programme in the field of civil protection (OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 53).'

### *Article 2*

Article 10 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The word 'programme' in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 shall be replaced by the word 'programmes'.
2. The word 'committee' in paragraph 7 shall be replaced by the word 'committees'.
3. The word 'act' shall be replaced by the word 'acts'.

### *Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 July 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.

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\* Constitutional requirements indicated.

*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, 11 April 2000.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*F. Barbaso*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*

*G. Vik*

*E. Gerner*