

Agreement on the  
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 80/96**  
**of 13 December 1996**

amending Annex XIII (Transport)  
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 XIII to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 71/95 of 15 December 1995<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas Council Directive 96/49/EC of 23 July 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail<sup>2</sup> is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following new heading and point shall be inserted after point 42a (Council Directive 95/18/EC) in Annex XIII to the Agreement:

"(iv) Technical harmonization and safety

"42b. **396 L 0049**: Council Directive 96/49/EC of 23 July 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail (OJ No L 235, 17.9.1996, p. 25)."

Article 2

The texts of Council Directive 96/49/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 57, 7.3.1996, p. 37.

<sup>2</sup> OJ No L 235, 17.9.1996, p. 25.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1997, 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, 13 December 1996.

For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President

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H. Hafstein

The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee

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G. Vik E. Gerner

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