

Agreement on the
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 83/96
of 13 December 1996

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, hereafter referred to as
the Agreement, and in particular Article 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint
Committee No 8/94 of 7 June 1994¹;

Whereas it is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the
Agreement to include a multi-annual Community programme to stimulate the development
of a European multimedia content industry and to encourage the use of multimedia content
in the emerging information society (INFO 2000) as set out in Council Decision
96/339/EC²;

Whereas Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for
such extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 1996,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added to Article 2(5) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- "- **396 D 0339:** Council Decision 96/339/EC of 20 May 1996 adopting a multi-annual
Community programme to stimulate the development of a European multimedia
content industry and to encourage the use of multimedia content in the emerging
information society (INFO 2000) (OJ No L 129, 30.5.1996, p. 24)."

¹ OJ No L 198, 30.7.1994, p. 142.

² OJ No L 129, 30.5.1996, p. 24.

Article 2

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. It shall apply from 1 January 1996.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the Official Journal of the European Communities.

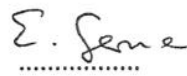
Done at Brussels, 13 December 1996.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President


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