

Agreement on the
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 84/96
of 20 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, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement, and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended, inter alia, by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 70/96 of 29 November 1996¹;

Whereas Protocol 31 should be amended in order to allow for participation by the EFTA States in the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 14 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following :

"Article 14

Energy programmes and environment-related energy activities:

1. As from 1 January 1996, the EFTA States shall participate in the Community programme referred to in paragraph 5 (a) and in actions pursuant thereto.
2. As from 1 January 1996, the EFTA States shall participate in the Community programme referred to in paragraph 5(b) and in actions pursuant thereto.
3. The EFTA/EEA States shall contribute financially to the programmes referred to in paragraph 5 (a) and (b), and to actions pursuant thereto, in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement.

¹ OJ No [.....]

4. As from the start of the cooperation in the programmes referred to in paragraph 5 (a) and (b), and the actions pursuant thereto, the EFTA/EEA States shall participate fully in the EC committees which assist the EC Commission in the management of such programmes and actions.
5. The Contracting Parties shall seek to strengthen cooperation in the framework of Community activities resulting from the following Community acts:
 - (a) "- **393 D 0500**: Council Decision 93/500/EEC of 13 September 1993 concerning the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (Altener programme) (OJ No L 235, 18.9.1993, p. 41).
 - (b) "- **396 D 0737**: Council Decision 96/737/EC of 16 December 1996 concerning a multi-annual programme for the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community (SAVE II programme) (OJ No L 335, 24.12.1996, p. 50)"."

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 23 December 1996, 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, 20 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
