

Agreement on the
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

**No 38/97
of 27 June 1997**

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 Articles 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 the Third Multiannual Programme for Small and Medium-sized
Enterprises (1997-2000) (Council Decision 97/15/EC)²,

Whereas Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow
for this cooperation to take place from 1 January 1997,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJL 198, 30.7.1994, p. 142.

² OJL 6, 10.1.1997, p. 25.

Article 1

The following indent shall be inserted in Article 7(5) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement after the first indent (Council Decision 93/379/EEC):

“ - **397 D 0015:** Council Decision 97/15/EC of 9 December 1996 on a Third Multiannual Programme for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the European Union (1997 to 2000) (OJ L 6, 10.1.1997, p. 25).”

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 July 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 1997.

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, 27 June 1997.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President


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The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee

 
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