

Agreement on the  
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 68/97**  
**of 4 October 1997**

amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards,  
testing and certification) 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 II to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 7/94 of 21 March 1994 amending Protocol 47 and certain Annexes to the EEA Agreement<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas Directive 96/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 September 1996 amending Directive 89/686/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment<sup>2</sup> is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in point 1 (Council Directive 89/686/EEC) of Chapter XXII of Annex II to the Agreement:

"- **396 L 0058:** Directive 96/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 September 1996 (OJ No L 236, 18.9.1996, p. 44)."

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 160, 28.6.1994, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ No L 236, 18.9.1996, p. 44.

Article 2

The texts of Directive 96/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 5 October 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, 4 October 1997.

For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President

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The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee

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