

Agreement on the
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 73/97
of 4 October 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, hereinafter referred to as the
Agreement, and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas Protocol 31 to the Agreement was, inter alia, amended by Decision of the EEA Joint
Committee No 54/96 of 4 October 1996¹;

Whereas it is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the
Agreement to include a programme of Community action on the prevention of drug
dependence within the framework for action in the field of public health (1996-2000) as set
out in Decision No 102/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council²;

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

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. In Protocol 31 to the Agreement the following indent shall be added to Article 16(1):

"- **397 D 0102:** Decision No 102/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of
16 December 1996 adopting a programme of Community action on the prevention of
drug dependence within the framework for action in the field of public health (1996-
2000) (OJ L 19, 22.1.1997, p. 25)."

¹ OJ L 21, 23.1.1997, p. 9.

² OJ L 19, 22.1.1997, p. 25.

2. Article 16(2) shall be replaced by the following:

“2. The EFTA States shall participate in the Community programmes and actions referred to in the first three indents of paragraph 1 as from 1 January 1996 and to the programme referred to in the fourth indent as from 1 January 1997.”

Article 2

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. 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*.


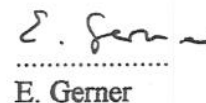
Done at Brussels, 4 October 1997.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President



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