

Agreement on the
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 106/97
of 17 December 1997

amending Annexes XI (Telecommunications services) and XIV (Competition) 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 XI and Annex XIV to the Agreement were amended by Decision of the EEA
Joint Committee No 25/95 of 19 May 1995¹;

Whereas Commission Directive 96/19/EC of 13 March 1996 amending Directive 90/388/EEC
with regard to the implementation of full competition in telecommunications markets² is to be
incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following new indent shall be added in point 3 (Commission Directive 90/388/EEC) of
Annex XI to the Agreement:

"- **396 L 0019:** Commission Directive 96/19/EC of 13 March 1996 (OJ L 74, 22.3.1996,
p. 13).".

¹ OJ L 251, 19.10.1995, p. 31.

² OJ L 74, 22.3.1996, p. 13.

Article 2

1. The following new indent shall be added in point 13 (Commission Directive 90/388/EEC) of Annex XIV to the Agreement before the adaptations:

"- **396 L 0019:** Commission Directive 96/19/EC of 13 March 1996 (OJ L 74, 22.3.1996, p. 13).

The provisions of Directive 96/19/EC shall, for the purposes of the present Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

Iceland shall put into effect the measures necessary to comply with Directive 96/19/EC as from 1 January 1998, subject to

- (i) allowing future voice telephony providers to launch trial services on a provisional basis before that date; and
 - (ii) making public, before that date, future authorization requirements."
2. Adaptation (a) in point 13 (Commission Directive 90/388/EEC) of Annex XIV to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"(a) in Article 3, the second sentence of the fifth subparagraph shall be replaced by the following:

"Before they are implemented, the EC Commission or the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall, in their respective competence, verify the compatibility of these drafts with the EEA Agreement." "

Article 3

The texts of Commission Directive 96/19/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 18 December 1997, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 5

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, 17 December 1997.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President

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The Secretaries
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