

Agreement on the
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 23/1999
of 26 February 1999

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 by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 54/98 of 3 June 1998¹;

Whereas it is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include a multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (Altener II) (Council Decision 98/352/EC)²;

Whereas Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 1998,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 14 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. the following new paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 2:

“2a. As from 1 January 1998, the EFTA States shall participate in the Community programme referred to in paragraph 5 (c) and in actions pursuant thereto.”;

2. the following shall be added in paragraph 5:

¹ OJ L 30, 4.2.1999, p. 57.

² OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 53.

“(c) - **398 D 0352**: Council Decision 98/352/EC of 18 May 1998 concerning a multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (Altener II) (OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 53).”;

3. the words “paragraph 5(a) and (b)” in paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 shall be replaced by “paragraph 5(a), (b) and (c)”.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 27 February 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) to the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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, 26 February 1999.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President

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The Secretaries
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