

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 71/1999

of 2 June 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 27/1999 of 26 February 1999¹;

Whereas it is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include a Community action programme in the field of civil protection, pursuant to Council Decision 98/22/EC²;

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:

¹ OJ L ...

² OJ L 8, 14.1.1998, p. 20.

Article 1

The following shall be added in Article 10 (Civil protection) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- ‘5. The EFTA States shall, from 1 January 1998, participate in the Community action programme referred to in paragraph 8.
6. The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the Community action programme referred to in paragraph 8 in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement.
7. The EFTA States shall participate fully in the EC committee which assists the EC Commission in the management, development and implementation of the Community action programme referred to in paragraph 8.
8. The following Community act, as well as acts deriving therefrom, are the object of this Article:
 - **398 D 0022**: Council Decision 98/22/EC of 19 December 1997 establishing a Community action programme in the field of civil protection (OJ L 8, 14.1.1998, p. 20).’

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 3 June 1999, 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 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, 2 June 1999.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

F. Barbato

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

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