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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 187/1999**

of 17 December 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 11/94 of 12 August 1994¹;

Whereas, according to Article 3(2) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement, the EFTA States participate fully in the European Environment Agency as set up in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90²;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 has been amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environment Agency and the European environment information and observation network³;

Whereas it is appropriate to amend Protocol 31 in order to reflect the changes to the European Environment Agency and the European environment information and observation network made by Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L 253, 29.9.1994, p. 34.

² OJ L 120, 11.5.1990, p. 1.

³ OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1.

Article 1

The following shall be added at the end of Article 3(2)(a) in Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

‘, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999⁽²⁾.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1.’

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 18 December 1999, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

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, 17 December 1999.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

N. v. Liechtenstein

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

G. Vik E. Gerner