

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 81/2000

of 2 October 2000

**amending Annex XXI (Statistics)
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:

- (1) Annex XXI to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 16/2000 of 28 January 2000 ¹.
- (2) Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 of 9 March 1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and labour costs ² is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 of 27 July 1999 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs as regards the definition and transmission on information on labour costs ³ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L ...

² OJ L 63, 12.3.1999, p. 6.

³ OJ L 203, 3.8.1999, p. 28.

Article 1

The following shall be inserted after point 18c (Council Regulation (EC) No 23/97) of Annex XXI to the Agreement:

'18d. **399 R 0530**: Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 of 9 March 1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and labour costs (OJ L 63, 12.3.1999, p. 6).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of the present Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) Liechtenstein is exempted from collecting the data required by the Regulation;
- (b) for Norway, the provision of information on
 - hours worked according to Article 6(1)(b), third indent;
 - the type of collective pay agreement in force according to Article 6(2)(a), fifth indent;
 - the type of employment contract according to Article 6(2)(b), seventh indent;

shall be optional.

18e. **399 R 1726**: Commission Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 of 27 July 1999 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs as regards the definition and transmission on information on labour costs (OJ L 203, 3.8.1999, p. 28).'

Article 2

The texts of Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, shall be authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 3 October 2000, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee *.

Article 4

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 October 2000.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

G. S. Gunnarsson

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

G. Vik

E. Gerner

* No constitutional requirements indicated.