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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 79/2001**

of 19 June 2001

amending Annex XVIII (Health and safety at work, labour law, and equal treatment for men and women) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as amended 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 XVIII to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 19/2001 of 23 February 2001¹.
- (2) Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2000 on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work (seventh individual directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)² is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The text of point 15 (Council Directive 90/679/EEC) of Annex XVIII to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

'32000 L 0054: Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2000 on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work (seventh individual directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (OJ L 262, 17.10.2000, p. 21).'

¹ OJ L 117, 26.4.2001, p. 24.

² OJ L 262, 17.10.2000, p. 21.

Article 2

The texts of Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 20 June 2001, 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, 19 June 2001.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

P. Westerlund

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

P. K. Mannes

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* No constitutional requirements indicated.