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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 81/2001**

of 19 June 2001

amending Annex XX (Environment) 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 XX to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 56/2001 of 18 May 2001¹.
- (2) Commission Decision 2000/608/EC of 27 September 2000 concerning the guidance notes for risk assessment outlined in Annex III of Directive 90/219/EEC on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms² is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 24a (Commission Decision 91/448/EEC) in Annex XX to the Agreement:

- '24b. **32000 D 0608:** Commission Decision 2000/608/EC of 27 September 2000 concerning the guidance notes for risk assessment outlined in Annex III of Directive 90/219/EEC on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms (OJ L 258, 12.10.2000, p. 43).'

¹ OJ L 165, 21.6.2001, p. 62.

² OJ L 258, 12.10.2000, p. 43.

Article 2

The texts of Commission Decision 2000/608/EC 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

M. Brinkmann

* No constitutional requirements indicated.