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C.3/Prot. 31 - Incentive Measures Employment/TT

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 18/2003

of 31 January 2003

**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 amended 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:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 70/1999 of 2 June 1999¹.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 1145/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on Community incentive measures in the field of employment².
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2003,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The text of Article 15 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The text of paragraph 5 shall be replaced by the following:

'The EFTA States shall participate in the Community activities referred to in the first indent of paragraph 8 as from 1 January 1999 and in the activities referred to in the second indent as from 1 January 2003.'

2. The word 'act' in paragraph 8 shall be replaced by the word 'acts'.

3. The following indent shall be added in paragraph 8:

¹ OJ L 284, 9.11.2000, p. 57.

² OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 1.

‘- **32002 D 1145**: Decision No 1145/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on Community incentive measures in the field of employment (OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 1).’

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 February 2003, 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 2003.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 31 January 2003.

*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.