

**Agreement on the
European Economic Area**

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

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amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement,
on co-operation in the field of statistics

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 in order to ensure the feasibility, consistency and comparability of all the statistical information required, Protocol 30 to the Agreement provides for participation by the EFTA States in Community actions in the field of statistics;

Whereas the financial and administrative provisions of Protocol 30 should be updated to provide for a joint EEA Statistical Programme;

Whereas the EEA Statistical Programme should be based on the European Communities' Framework Programme for priority actions in the field of statistical information 1993 to 1997 and should include those programme elements which are necessary for describing and monitoring all relevant economic, social and environmental aspects of the EEA;

Whereas the specific actions of the EEA Statistical Programme should be carried out with particular attention to minimising the burden on respondents in answering statistical questionnaires, to the cost of data gathering and with strict adherence to the principle of statistical confidentiality,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Protocol 30 to the Agreement shall be amended as set out in Articles 2 to 7 hereof.

Article 2

Paragraph 2 shall be replaced by the following:

"2. The EFTA States shall, from 1 January 1994, participate within the framework of plans for priority actions in the field of statistical information. In particular, an EEA Statistical Programme shall be established as a subset of the EC Statistical Programme set up under the Council Decision to which reference is made in paragraph 9. The EEA Statistical Programme shall be the framework within which all the EEA statistical activities are carried out. The elements of the EEA Statistical Programme are listed in the Appendix.

Each year, the Conference to which reference is made in paragraph 1 shall draw up the guidelines for the implementation of the EEA Statistical Programme in the following year. These guidelines shall be established in parallel with the annual guidelines for implementing the EC Statistical Programme according to Article 3 of the Council Decision referred to in paragraph 9.

The Conference shall, as necessary, propose to the EEA Joint Committee items to be added or deleted from the list contained in the Appendix."

Article 3

The following shall be added as a new paragraph 3:

"3. The EFTA States shall participate fully in the EC Committees which assist the EC Commission in the management or development of the actions referred to in paragraph 2 in so far as the subjects dealt with are covered by the Agreement."

Article 4

Former paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 shall be combined to become three subparagraphs of a new paragraph 4,

Article 5

Paragraph 5 shall be replaced by the following:

"5. From 1 January 1994, the EFTA States shall contribute financially to actions included in the EEA Statistical Programme in accordance with Article 82 (1)a of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto.

The EFTA States shall defray the additional cost incurred by Eurostat for storing, processing and disseminating data from their countries according to the provisions of the Agreement. The amounts involved shall be fixed periodically by the EEA Joint Committee.

The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the Community's overhead costs other than those incurred for storing, disseminating or processing data in accordance with Article 82(1)b of the Agreement."

Article 6

The following shall be added as new paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9:

"6. The EFTA States shall be included in the statistical activities covered by the EEA Statistical Programme to the same extent as EC Member States in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

7. Responsibility for implementing the specific statistical actions in the EFTA States shall lie with the national statistical authorities; implementing procedures shall take account of the organization of each EFTA State's official statistics.

Where implementation measures for EC Member States, based on Article 4(c) of the Council Decision referred to in paragraph 9, imply the transmission of available data or other available information concerning activities covered by the EEA Statistical Programme to the Commission, they shall also apply to EFTA States in accordance with paragraph 4.

8. At the request of the EEA Joint Committee, and at all events in the third year of cooperation and again at the end of the period covered by the EEA Statistical Programme, the Conference to which reference is made in paragraph 1 shall examine the progress made. In particular, it shall assess whether the objectives, priorities and actions planned during the period have been achieved and shall submit a report for the approval of the EEA Joint Committee.

9. The following Community act is the object of this Protocol:

393 D 0464: Council Decision 93/464/EEC of 22 July 1993 on the framework programme for priority actions in the field of statistical information 1993 - 1997 (OJ L 219, 28.8.1993, p. 1).".

Article 7

An Appendix shall be added as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 8

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 May 1994, provided that all the notifications required under Article 103 (1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 9

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,

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President

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Committee

The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint

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**APPENDIX
LIST OF PROGRAMME ELEMENTS OF THE
EEA STATISTICAL PROGRAMME**

Standardization and new EDP methods
Architecture of the European statistical information system
NSI network
General digests
Gross national product
European system of integrated economic accounts (ESA)
Current methodological questions in national accounts
Development of balance sheets
Green national accounts

National accounts aggregates
Quarterly national accounts
Accounts of general government
Accounts of other institutional sectors
Accounts by branch - structural database
Input-output tables
Capital stocks

Methodology of purchasing power parities
Price surveys of capital goods
Methodology and harmonization of consumer price indices
Production of consumer price indices
Surveys of final consumption prices

Co-ordination of monetary, financial and balance of payments statistics
ECU and EMS Statistics
General government financial balance sheets
Financial accounts
Financial balance sheets
Financial and monetary indicators - short term indicators
Financial and monetary indicators - structural indicators

Balance of payments methodology
EC/EFTA collection system for balance of payments data
Short-term statistics on the balance of payments
Statistics on international movements of capital
Statistics on international trade in services and geographical breakdown of the current-account balance

Nomenclature of economic activities
Classification of products by activities (CPA)
Nomenclatures server
Functional and derived classifications
Co-ordination of statistics and accounts - general
Co-ordination of statistics and accounts - macro-economic
Co-ordination of statistics and accounts - micro-macro
Relations with the Member States
Institutional matters and statistical systems
Analysis of external trade

Statistics relating to the trading of goods EC/EFTA and EEA with third countries: methodology
Nomenclatures of goods for extra-EEA and intra-EEA trade
Country nomenclature
Foreign trade statistics - production
Foreign trade statistics - dissemination

Statistical confidentiality

Methodology of energy statistics
Surveys on energy consumption
Survey on the combined production of electricity and heat
Structure, balance sheets and input-output tables
Renewable energy source
Energy prices
Special actions in support of the new Community policies
Raw materials (balance sheets and recovery of raw materials)

Adaptation of industrial statistics to the needs of the Single Market after 1992
Links with business
Industrial statistics: methodology
Industrial statistics: analysis
Annual European survey of business - industry
Industrial short-term indicators
PRODCOM
SMEs
Special and priority actions
Production and dissemination of iron and steel statistics

Statistics on research and development (R&D) and innovation
Statistical research
Statistical techniques for measuring and processing data (registers, panels, measures of competitiveness and cohesion)

Services - methodology, methodological co-ordination of statistics on enterprises
Services: production and dissemination
Services products
Services - short term trends
Financial services including insurance
Business services
Communications and audio-visual services
Services for individuals and institutions
Public sector companies and government: micro-economics aspects of the public sector
Distributive trade
Tourism: methodology
Tourism: production and dissemination
HORECA and travel agencies
Transport - methodology
Transport - production and dissemination
Inland transport of goods
Sea transport
Air transport
Passenger transport
Activities of transport enterprises
European statistics on road traffic accidents

Community labour force survey (LFS)
The labour force, employment and unemployment
Working time and volume of work

Definitions and methods for employment statistics

Current demographic statistics

EEA census programme

Migration and migrants

Demographic projections in EEA

European forum for population studies

Social protection - ESSPROS financial flows (receipts and expenditure) and numbers of beneficiaries

Social protection: analysis of functions

Social protection: micro-economic studies

Poverty indicators

Household panel

Harmonization of family budget surveys

Household incomes

Statistics on household living conditions

Social and regional databank

Social statistics observatory

General time budget survey

Social situation of "target groups" and "target situations"

Education

Vocational training

Definitions and methods of education and training statistics

European statistics on accidents at work

European statistics on home and leisure accidents (EHLASS)

Harmonization of data on occupational diseases

Short-term wage indicators

Harmonized statistics of earnings in industry and services

Survey on labour costs

Survey on the structure of wages

Regional accounts

Social statistics at regional level

Agricultural statistics at regional level

Other regional statistics (transport, energy, environment, R&D, etc...)

NUTS nomenclature

REGIO data bank and publications

Local data

Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings

EUROFARM

Forestry statistics

Community typology of agricultural holdings

Economic accounts for agriculture (EAA)

Agricultural land use

Agricultural land use - cereals

Crop products - cereal production

Crop products - cereal balance sheets

Milk production and supply balance sheets

Production and balance sheets - fishery products

Publication of environment statistics

Water statistics

Atmospheric emission statistics

Waste statistics

Collection of economic information on the environment (SERIEE)

Environmental expenditure statistics industry and services
Statistics of government expenditure
Household expenditure statistics
Statistics concerning economic and financial instruments of environmental policy
Transport, tourism and the environment
Enterprises and the environment, eco-industries
Energy and the environment
Agriculture, forestry and the environment
Material flows of selected products and substances that are harmful to the environment or health
Frameworks, accounts and indicators
Development of official Community and EEA environment statistics
Spatial statistics
ENVSTAT Database
