Agreement on the European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 44/98 of 29 May 1998

amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) 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 Annex II to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 29/98 of 30 April 1998¹;

Whereas Directive 96/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 on the protection of occupants of motor vehicles in the event of a frontal impact and amending Directive 70/156/EEC² is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 45u. (Directive 96/27/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Chapter 1 of Annex II to the Agreement:

''45v. 396 L 0079: Directive 96/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 on the protection of occupants of motor vehicles in the event of a frontal impact and amending Directive 70/156/EEC (OJ L 18, 21.1.1997, p. 7)."

Article 2

² OJ L 18, 21.1.1997, p. 7.

¹ OJ L ...

The following indent shall be added in point 1 (Council Directive 70/156/EEC) in Chapter I of Annex II to the Agreement:

"- **396 L 0079**: Directive 96/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 (OJ L 18, 21.1.1997, p. 7)."

Article 3

The texts of Directive 96/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 26 June 1998, provided that all the notifications under Article 103 (1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

Article 5

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, 29 May 1998.

For the EEA Joint Cor The President	mmittee
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