

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 100/2001****of 13 July 2001****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 Joint Committee of the EEA No 84/2000 of 2 October 2000 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The EEA-EFTA States are presently participating in several programmes in the field of public health which will expire in the years 2000 and 2001, while the entry into force of a European Community programme succeeding those programmes is uncertain.
- (3) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 521/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2001 extending certain programmes of Community action in the field of public health adopted by Decisions No 645/96/EC, No 646/96/EC, No 647/96/EC, No 102/97/EC, No 1400/97/EC and No 1296/1999/EC and amending those Decisions ⁽²⁾.
- (4) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place, as regards Decisions No 645/96/EC ⁽³⁾, No 646/96/EC ⁽⁴⁾, No 647/96/EC ⁽⁵⁾ and No 102/97/EC ⁽⁶⁾ from January 2001 and, as regards Decisions No 1400/97/EC ⁽⁷⁾ and No 1296/1999/EC ⁽⁸⁾ from January 2002 and, in all cases, until 31 December 2002,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

In Article 16(1) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement, the following shall be added in indents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8:

‘, as amended by:

- **32001 D 0521**: Decision No 521/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2001 extending certain programmes of Community action in the field of public health adopted by Decisions No 645/96/EC, No 646/96/EC, No 647/96/EC, No 102/97/EC, No 1400/97/EC and No 1296/1999/EC and amending those Decisions (OJ L 79, 17.3.2001, p. 1).’

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 14 July 2001, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the Joint Committee of the EEA (*).

It shall apply from 1 January 2001.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 315, 14.12.2000, p. 30.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 79, 17.3.2001, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 95, 16.4.1996, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 95, 16.4.1996, p. 9.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 95, 16.4.1996, p. 16.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 19, 22.1.1997, p. 25.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 193, 22.7.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 155, 22.6.1999, p. 7.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.

Article 3

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, 13 July 2001.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
E. BULL
