

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 88/97****of 9 December 1997****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 64/97<sup>(1)</sup>;

Whereas European Parliament and Council Directive 96/70/EC of 28 October 1996 amending Council Directive 80/777/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters<sup>(2)</sup> is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The following indent shall be added in point 26 (Council Directive 80/777/EEC) of Chapter XII of Annex II to the Agreement:

‘— 396 L 0070: European Parliament and Council Directive 96/70/EC (OJ L 299, 23.11.1996, p. 26)’.

*Article 2*

The texts of Directive 96/70/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, which are annexed to the respective language versions of this Decision, are authentic.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 10 December 1997, 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, 9 December 1997.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*

*The President*

E. BULL

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 30, 5. 2. 1998, p. 38.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 299, 23. 11. 1996, p. 26.