DECISION No 4/98 OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part

of 2 December 1998

adopting the modifications to Protocol 3 to the Europe Agreement included in Decision No 1/97 of the Joint Committee under the Agreement on free trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Atomic Energy Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part

(1999/14/EC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part, signed on 12 June 1995, and in particular Articles 110 and 131 thereof,

Whereas pursuant to Article 131 of the Europe Agreement, the Association Council should adopt at its first meeting all the modifications to that Agreement, in particular the protocols and annexes thereto, necessary to align it with changes to the Agreement on free trade and trade-related matters decided by the Joint Committee between the signature and entry into force of the Europe Agreement;

Whereas, in order to ensure legal continuity, the said modifications should be applied as from the entry into force of the Europe Agreement on 1 February 1998,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Protocol 3 on Rules of Origin to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part, shall be amended in accordance with Decision No 1/97 of the Joint Committee of 20 March 1997 [1] (together with relevant joint declarations) under the Agreement on free trade and trade-related matters between the European Communities, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and Latvijas Vestnesis (Latvian Official Journal).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall apply as from 1 February 1998.

Donte at Brussels, 2 December 1998.

For the Association Council

The President

W. SCHÜSSEL

[1] OJ L 111, 28. 4. 1997, p. 1 and Latvijas Vestnesis No 83/84 (798/799) of 27 March 1997.