DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 160/2001

of 18 January 2002

amending Annex XIX (Consumer protection) to the EEA Agreement

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 Art. 98 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex XIX to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 13/2000 of the EEA Joint Committee of 28 January 2000 ([1]).

(2) Commission Recommendation 2001/310/EC of 4 April 2001 on the principles for out-of-court bodies involved in the consensual resolution of consumer disputes ([2]) is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be added after point 18 (Commission Recommendation 98/257/EC) of Annex XIX to the Agreement:

'19. **32001 H 0310**: Commission Recommendation 2001/310/EC of 4 April 2001 on the principles for out-of-court bodies involved in the consensual resolution of consumer disputes (OJ L 109, 19.4.2001, p. 56).'

Article 2

The texts of Recommendation 2001/310/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, shall be authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 19 January 2002, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee (*).

([1]) OJ L 103, 12.4.2001, p. 26.
([2]) OJ L 109, 19.4.2001, p. 56.
(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.

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, 18 January 2002.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

B. GRYDELAND