DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 181/2004

of 16 December 2004

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 EEA Joint Committee No 117/2004 of 6 August 2004 ([1]).

(2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 626/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 amending Decision No 508/2000/EC establishing the Culture 2000 programme ([2]).

(3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place with effect from 1 January 2005,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following subindent shall be added in the fourth indent of Article 13(4) (Decision No 508/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

'— **32004 D 0626**: Decision No 626/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 (OJ L 99, 3.4.2004, p. 3).'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification to the EEA Joint Committee under Article 103(1) of the Agreement (*).

It shall apply from 1 January 2005.

([1]) OJ L 64, 10.3.2005, p. 5.

([2]) OJ L 99, 3.4.2004, p. 3.

(*) 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 Union*.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 2004.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Kjartan JÓHANNSSON