Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 concerning arrangements for implementing the Agreement on the European Economic Area

(2000/C 56 E/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 8 November 1999)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 310 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament,

Whereas Community legislative acts concerning the Community programmes should enter into force in the EEA as soon as possible after their date of entry into force in the Community; whereas it is appropriate to this end to enable the Commission to extend such programmes to the EEA and to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 of 28 November 1994 concerning arrangements for implementing the Agreement on the European Economic Area [1] accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 shall be replaced by the following:

'The Commission shall adopt the Community's position regarding EEA Joint Committee decisions which

(a) simply extend acts of Community legislation to the EEA, subject to any technical adjustments needed;

(b) extend Community programmes to the EEA, provided that the act which establishes the programme lays down that the programme is open to the participation of the EEA-EFTA States and that participation is in accordance with the terms of Part VI and financial participation in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the EEA Agreement.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

[1] OJ L 305, 30.11.1994, p. 6.