DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 54/2003

of 16 May 2003

amending Annex XVIII (Health and safety at work, labour law, and equal treatment for men and women) 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 Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex XVIII to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 172/2002 of 6 December 2002 [1].

(2) Directive 2002/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2002 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (vibration) (sixteenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) [2] is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 16j (Commission Directive 2000/39/EC) of Annex XVIII to the Agreement:

'16ja. **32002 L 0044**: Directive 2002/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2002 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (vibration) (sixteenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (OJ L 177, 6.7.2002, p. 13).'

Article 2

The texts of Directive 2002/44/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

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[1] OJ L 38, 13.2.2003, p. 38.
[2] OJ L 177, 6.7.2002, p. 13.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 17 May 2003, 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 Union*.

Done at Brussels, 16 May 2003.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

P. WESTERLUND

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.