DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 27/2001

of 30 March 2001

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) 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 I to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 189/1999 of 17 December 1999 [1].

(2) Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens [2] is to be incorporated into the Agreement.

(3) Commission Decision 2000/50/EC of 17 December 1999 concerning minimum requirements for the inspection of holdings on which animals are kept for farming purposes [3] is to be incorporated into the Agreement.

(4) This Decision is not to apply to Iceland and Liechtenstein,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following points shall be inserted after point 7 (Council Regulation (EC) No 411/98) in Part 9.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the Agreement:

'8. **399 L 0074**: Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens (OJ L 203, 3.8.1999, p. 53).

9. **32000 D 0050**: Commission Decision 2000/50/EC of 17 December 1999 concerning minimum requirements for the inspection of holdings on which animals are kept for farming purposes (OJ L 19, 25.1.2000, p. 51).'

Article 2

The texts of Council Directive 1999/74/EC and Commission Decision 2000/50/EC in the Norwegian language, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, shall be authentic.

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[1] OJ L 74, 15.3.2001, p. 24.
[2] OJ L 203, 3.8.1999, p. 53.
[3] OJ L 19, 25.1.2000, p. 51.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 31 March 2001, 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 Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 30 March 2001.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

P. WESTERLUND

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.