DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 57/2001
of 18 May 2001
amending Annex XXI (Statistics) 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 98 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex XXI to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 53/2001 of the EEA Joint Committe of 30 March 2001 [1].

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 of 8 September 2000 on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and labour costs as regards the definition and transmission of information on structure of earnings [2] is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 18da (Commission Regulation (EC) No 452/2000) of Annex XXI to the Agreement:

'18db. **32000 R 1916**: Commission Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 of 8 September 2000 on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and labour costs as regards the definition and transmission of information on structure of earnings (OJ L 229, 9.9.2000, p. 3).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of the present Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

for Norway:

(a) the variable "1.5 The existence of collective pay agreements covering the majority of employees in the observed unit" shall be optional;

(b) the variable "3.1.2 Special payments for shift work" will include payments for shift work and other irregular payments;

(c) the variable "3.5 Annual days of absence" will only include number of days of holiday and not absence due to sickness or absence for vocational training.'

Article 2

The texts of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 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 May 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, 18 May 2001.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

P. WESTERLUND

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[1] OJ L 158, 14.6.2001, p. 71.
[2] OJ L 229, 9.9.2000, p. 3.
(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.