EEA Agreement: amending Annex XX (environment)

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In order to ensure the requisite legal security and homogeneity, the EEA Joint Committee is to integrate all the relevant Community legislation into the EEA Agreement as soon as possible after its adoption. It is therefore proposed that the EEA Joint Committee adopt the decision to amend Annex XX to the EEA Agreement by adding adopted acquis in the field of environment. The decision is concerned with Council Decision 94/904/EC establishing a list of hazardous waste pursuant to Article 1(4) of Council Directive 91 /689/EEC. It should be noted that Norway and Iceland are ready to accept this act without any modification. However, due to Liechtenstein's customs union with Switzerland and the fact that 98% of Liechtenstein's waste is disposed of in Switzerland, Liechtenstein has requested a derogation. The Commission takes the view that this derogation should be granted.