EEA Agreement: amending Annex XI (telecommunications)

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PURPOSE : to amend Annex XI to the EEA Agreement by adding recently adopted acquis in the field of telecommunications services. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 7 /1999 amending Annex XI (Telecommunications services) to the EEA Agreement. CONTENT : in order to ensure the requisite legal security and homogeneity, the EEA Joint Committee must integrate all the relevant Community legislation into the EEA Agreement as soon as possible after its adoption. The Council approved the Decision with the aim of integrating into the Agreement the acquis recently adopted in the field of telecommunications services (Directive 97/13/EC on a common framework for general authorisations and individual licences in the field of telecommunications services). It should be noted that Norway and Iceland have accept this act without any substantive modification. This Decision provides in particular for an adjustment whereby Liechtenstein is authorised to make the issue of individual licences subject to a number of special conditions associated with the small size of the networks and the need to replace the monopoly arrangement with Switzerland. ENTRY INTO FORCE : this Decision shall enter into force on 30.01.1999, providing that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee.