
PROTOCOL 1

ON THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE WHICH, THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF PROTOCOL 1 TO THE EEA AGREEMENT, FOLLOW FROM THE ACTS REFERRED TO IN THE ANNEXES TO THAT AGREEMENT

HAVING REGARD to the EEA Agreement and, in particular, Protocol 1 thereto;

NOTING the references, in paragraph 4(d) of Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement, to the EFTA Surveillance Authority and the Standing Committee;

FURTHER NOTING the reference, in paragraph 4(d) of Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement, to procedures established among the EFTA States;

WHEREAS for the proper application of acts referred to in the Annexes to the EEA Agreement, it is necessary to establish among the EFTA States the functions corresponding to those of the EC Commission which, through the application of Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement, should be carried out either by the EFTA Surveillance Authority or the Standing Committee, as well as to establish the procedures to be applied among the EFTA States for that purpose;

Article 1

1. Where the acts referred to in the Annexes to the EEA Agreement contain provisions on procedures under which the EC Commission:
 - (a) shall summarize, compile or otherwise prepare information received and/or distribute such information to the Member States;
 - (b) deals with the management of lists, such as lists of notified bodies, diplomas, etc;
 - (c) may update lists of entities;
 - (d) in the veterinary and phytosanitary field,
 - shall designate at least one reference laboratory in each Member State;
 - (e) in the field of technical regulations, standards, testing and certification,
 - is entrusted with functions relating to standardization, such as issuing mandates to European standardization institutions and initiating procedures concerning harmonized standards not in conformity with the essential safety requirements;
 - deals with the management of conformity assessment;
 - (f) in the field of energy,
 - shall consult quarterly with the Member States;
 - (g) in the fields of free movement of workers, mutual recognition of diplomas and vocational training,
 - shall or may instigate or coordinate activities of, cooperate with, or take any other common action with the Member States;

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- (h) in the field of vocational training,
- shall draw up a structure of training levels;
 - shall determine the manner in which information shall be drawn up and the intervals at which it shall be communicated as well as establish uniform criteria for the assessment of the state of the labour markets in the Member States;
 - shall, on request, give coordination bodies of the Member States all necessary assistance and advice;
- (i) in the field of environment,
- shall set up and keep at the disposal of Member States a register containing information about accidents which have occurred;
 - shall set up a system of exchange of information;
 - deals with the management and monitoring of Member States' conformity to certain specific objectives and requirements;
- (j) in the field of company law,
- shall inform a Member State that it must amend its legislation to comply with the minimum capital as regards public limited liability companies;

those and comparable functions shall, among the EFTA States, be carried out by the Standing Committee in accordance with the procedures laid down in the acts referred to.

2. If the EC Commission is entrusted with other comparable functions, the corresponding functions shall also be carried out by the Standing Committee.

