

Agreement on the European Economic Area

PART V

HORIZONTAL PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO THE FOUR FREEDOMS

CHAPTER 3

ENVIRONMENT

Article 73

1. Action by the Contracting Parties relating to the environment shall have the following objectives:

- (a) to preserve, protect and improve the quality of the environment;
- (b) to contribute towards protecting human health;
- (c) to ensure a prudent and rational utilization of natural resources.

2. Action by the Contracting Parties relating to the environment shall be based on the principles that preventive action should be taken, that environmental damage should as a priority be rectified at source, and that the polluter should pay. Environmental protection requirements shall be a component of the Contracting Parties' other policies.

Article 74

Annex XX contains the specific provisions on protective measures which shall apply pursuant to Article 73.

Article 75

The protective measures referred to in Article 74 shall not prevent any Contracting Party from maintaining or introducing more stringent protective measures compatible with this Agreement.