

## 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.