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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 73/2006

of 2 June 2006

**amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement,
on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Agreement’, and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 38/2006 of 10 March 2006¹.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 2113/2005/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 amending Decision No 2256/2003/EC with a view to extension of the programme in 2006 for the dissemination of good practices and monitoring of the take-up of information and communication technologies (ITCs)².
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following sub-indent shall be added in the ninth indent of Article 2(5) (Decision No 2256/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- ‘- **32005 D 2113**: Decision No 2113/2005/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 (OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p. 34).’

¹ OJ L 147, 1.6.2006, p. 58.

² OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p. 34.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification to the EEA Joint Committee under Article 103(1) of the Agreement*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2006.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 2 June 2006.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

R. Wright

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

Ø. Hovdinn M. Brinkmann

* No constitutional requirements indicated.