

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 342/2023

of 8 December 2023

amending Annex XXI (Statistics) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (“the EEA Agreement”), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 of 31 July 2020 laying down the methodological and technical specifications in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/792 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards harmonised indices of consumer prices and the house price index¹ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) In view of the resources required to implement Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 in a specific system of taxes in Iceland and the limited impact on comparability with Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices at Constant Taxes (HICP-CT) produced by other countries pursuant Regulation (EU) 2016/792, it is appropriate to exempt Iceland from Article 21 of Chapter 2 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1148. This enables Iceland to apply a simplified methodology to compile the HICP-CT and therefore to fulfill the reporting requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/792.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 repeals Regulations (EC) No 1749/96², (EC) No 2214/96³, (EC) No 1687/98⁴, (EC) No 2646/98⁵, (EC) No 1617/1999⁶, (EC) No 2166/1999⁷, (EC) No 2601/2000⁸, (EC) No 2602/2000⁹, (EC) No 1920/2001¹⁰, (EC) No 1921/2001¹¹, (EC) No 1708/2005¹², (EC) No 701/2006¹³, (EC) No 330/2009¹⁴, (EU) No 1114/2010¹⁵ and (EU) No 93/2013¹⁶, which are incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which are consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.

¹ OJ L 252, 4.8.2020, p. 12.

² OJ L 229, 10.9.1996, p. 3.

³ OJ L 296, 21.11.1996, p. 8.

⁴ OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p. 12.

⁵ OJ L 335, 10.12.1998, p. 30.

⁶ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 9.

⁷ OJ L 266, 14.10.1999, p. 1.

⁸ OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p. 14.

⁹ OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p. 16.

¹⁰ OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p. 46.

¹¹ OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p. 49.

¹² OJ L 274, 20.10.2005, p. 9.

¹³ OJ L 122, 9.5.2006, p. 3.

¹⁴ OJ L 103, 23.4.2009, p. 6.

¹⁵ OJ L 316, 2.12.2010, p. 4.

¹⁶ OJ L 33, 2.2.2013, p. 14.

(4) Annex XXI to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,
HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex XXI to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The text of point 19ba (Commission Regulation (EU) No 93/2013) is replaced by the following:

‘**32020 R 1148**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 of 31 July 2020 laying down the methodological and technical specifications in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/792 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards harmonised indices of consumer prices and the house price index (OJ L 252, 4.8.2020, p. 12).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

Article 21 of Chapter 2 shall not apply to Iceland.’

2. The texts of points 19bb, 19c, 19f, 19g, 19h, 19i, 19k, 19l, 19m, 19n, 19v, 19w and 19wa are deleted.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 9 December 2023, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made*.

Article 4

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, 8 December 2023.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

Pascal Schafhauser

*The Secretaries
To the EEA Joint Committee*

* No constitutional requirements indicated.

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