

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 73/2015****of 20 March 2015****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2016/756]**

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) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Decision No 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 2119/98/EC ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following indent is added in paragraph 1 of Article 16 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

— **32013 D 1082:** Decision No 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 2119/98/EC (OJ L 293, 5.11.2013, p. 1).

Liechtenstein shall bear all its costs stemming from its involvement in the activities under Decision No 1082/2013/EU. If and when Liechtenstein becomes a participant in the third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) as established by Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014, the usual provisions on reimbursement of costs will apply.'

Article 2

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

*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, 20 March 2015.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 293, 5.11.2013, p. 1.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.