

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 59/2016****of 18 March 2016****amending Annex XXI (Statistics) to the EEA Agreement [2017/1889]**

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 Regulation (EU) 2015/359 of 4 March 2015 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards statistics on healthcare expenditure and financing ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Annex XXI to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following point is inserted after point 18z5 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 205/2014) of Annex XXI to the EEA Agreement:

'18z6. **32015 R 0359**: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/359 of 4 March 2015 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards statistics on healthcare expenditure and financing (OJ L 62, 6.3.2015, p. 6).

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

- (a) Liechtenstein is exempted from providing separate data on day curative care (HC.1.2), day rehabilitative care (HC.2.2) and day long-term care (health) (HC.3.2), which shall be included in the data provided on outpatient curative care (HC.1.3), outpatient rehabilitative care (HC.2.3) and outpatient long-term care (health) (HC.3.3), respectively.
- (b) Liechtenstein is exempted from providing data on enterprise financing schemes (HF.2.3). This exemption shall be subject to review by the EEA Joint Committee whenever figures provided by Liechtenstein demonstrate that the expenditure on enterprise financing schemes in Liechtenstein is no longer negligible.'

Article 2

The text of Regulation (EU) 2015/359 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 19 March 2016, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (*).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 62, 6.3.2015, p. 6.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.

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, 18 March 2016.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Claude MAERTEN
