

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 176/2017****of 22 September 2017****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2019/1064]**

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) No 1307/2014 of 8 December 2014 on defining the criteria and geographic ranges of highly biodiverse grassland for the purposes of Article 7b(3)(c) of Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and Article 17(3)(c) of Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources <sup>(1)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Annex II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The following is inserted after point 6c (Commission Decision 2011/13/EU) of Chapter XVII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement:

'6d. **32014 R 1307**: Commission Regulation (EU) No 1307/2014 of 8 December 2014 on defining the criteria and geographic ranges of highly biodiverse grassland for the purposes of Article 7b(3)(c) of Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and Article 17(3)(c) of Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (OJ L 351, 9.12.2014, p. 3).

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

By way of derogation to paragraph 8 of Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement, Article 2 shall not apply to grasslands situated within the territories of the EFTA States.'

*Article 2*The text of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2014 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 23 September 2017, 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, 22 September 2017.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Sabine MONAUNI

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 351, 9.12.2014, p. 3.

(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.