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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 20/2009

of 5 February 2009

amending Annex XXII (Company law) to the EEA Agreement

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 Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex XXII to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 59/2008 of 25 April 2008¹.
- (2) Commission Decision 2008/627/EC of 29 July 2008 concerning a transitional period for audit activities of certain third country auditors and audit entities² is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following point shall be inserted after point 10f (Directive 2006/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Annex XXII to the Agreement:

‘10fa. **32008 D 0627**: Commission Decision 2008/627/EC of 29 July 2008 concerning a transitional period for audit activities of certain third country auditors and audit entities (OJ L 202, 31.7.2008, p. 70).’

Article 2

The texts of Decision 2008/627/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

¹ OJ L 223, 21.8.2008, p. 60.

² OJ L 202, 31.7.2008, p. 70.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 6 February 2009, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee*.

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, 5 February 2009.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

Alan Seatter

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

Bergdis Ellertsdóttir Matthias Brinkmann

* Constitutional requirements indicated.

Joint Declaration by the Contracting Parties

to Decision No 20/2009 incorporating Commission Decision 2008/627/EC into the Agreement

‘Commission Decision 2008/627/EC of 29 July 2008 concerning a transitional period for audit activities of certain third country auditors and audit entities deals in several articles with preliminary equivalence decisions for third countries. The incorporation of this Decision is without prejudice to the scope of the EEA Agreement.’