

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 141/2012

of 13 July 2012

amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms

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 Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 122/2012 of 15 June 2012 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include cooperation concerning free movement of workers, coordination of social security systems and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2012,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 5 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

- (1) the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 11:

'12. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 2012, participate in the actions funded from the following budget lines, entered in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012:

- **Budget line 04 01 04 08:** "Free movement of workers, coordination of social security systems and measures for migrants, including migrants

from third countries — Expenditure on administrative management",

- **Budget line 04 03 05:** "Free movement of workers, coordination of social security systems and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries".'.

- (2) the words 'and in the programme referred to in the twelfth indent as from 1 January 2009' in paragraph 5 shall be replaced by ', in the programme referred to in the twelfth indent as from 1 January 2009 and in the actions funded from the budget lines for the financial year 2012 referred to in paragraph 12 as from 1 January 2012'.

- (3) the words 'paragraph 8' in paragraphs 6 and 7 shall be replaced by the words 'paragraphs 8 and 12'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2012.

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, 13 July 2012.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 4.10.2012, p. 46.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.