## DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

## No 142/2012

## 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 continue the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement in Union actions funded from the general budget of the Union regarding the implementation, operation and development of the internal market.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to continue beyond 31 December 2011,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

## Article 1

Article 7 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

(1) the words 'years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011' in paragraph 6 shall be replaced by the

words 'years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012';

- (2) the words 'years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011' in paragraph 7 shall be replaced by the words 'years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012';
- (3) the words 'years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011' in paragraph 8 shall be replaced by the words 'years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012'.

#### 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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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 270, 4.10.2012, p. 46.

<sup>(\*)</sup> No constitutional requirements indicated.