

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 172/2015****of 11 June 2015****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2016/2207]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement was extended to include Regulation (EU) No 377/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the Copernicus Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 911/2010 ⁽¹⁾ by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 249/2014 of 13 November 2014 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) This cooperation should be extended to Norway, under the conditions provided for in Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, whose participation should therefore commence from 1 January 2014.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1(8d)(e) of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words 'Norway and' are deleted.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

*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, 11 June 2015.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 122, 24.4.2014, p. 44.⁽²⁾ OJ L 263, 8.10.2015, p 40.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.