

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 280/2015****of 30 October 2015****amending Annex XIII (Transport), Protocol 31 (on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms) and Protocol 37 (containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement [2017/1069]**

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) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place.
- (3) Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 repeals Decision No 661/2010/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Annex XIII and Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is inserted after paragraph 5 of Article 12 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

‘6. The EFTA States shall participate in the activities which may result from the following Union act:

- **32013 R 1315**: Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1).

The EFTA States shall participate fully, without the right to vote, in the committee established by Article 52 of the Regulation.’

Article 2

The text of point 5 (Decision No 661/2010/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Annex XIII to the EEA Agreement is deleted.

Article 3

The text of point 4 of Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement is deleted.

*Article 4*The texts of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 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 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

Article 5

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

Article 6

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, 30 October 2015.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

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(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.

Declaration by the EFTA States to Decision No 280/2015 of 30 October 2015 incorporating Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council into the EEA Agreement

In accordance with the procedure set out in Article 49(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, adaptations to the indicative maps of the Trans-European Transport Network extended to specific third countries, as set out in Annex III, are based on high-level agreements on transport infrastructure networks between the Union and the neighbouring countries concerned. The EFTA States invite the Union to consider the following adaptations concerning the maps related to their territories and to confirm that a high-level agreement within the meaning of Article 49(6) has been reached:

- The airport Vestmannaeyjar in Iceland shall be removed from the comprehensive network.
- The seaport Landeyjahöfn in Iceland shall be added to the comprehensive network.
- The 18 km long stretch of road on E18 into the city of Oslo in Norway shall be replaced with the parallel stretch of road on E6 as part of the core network.
- The airports Rygge and Ørland in Norway shall be added to the comprehensive network.
- The seaports Kirkenes and Mo i Rana in Norway shall be added to the comprehensive network.
- The seaports Sandefjord and Ålesund in Norway shall be removed from the comprehensive network.
- The seaports Grenland and Karmsund in Norway shall replace respectively Porsgrunn and Kopervik in the comprehensive network.'

Declaration by the EU to Decision No 280/2015 of 30 October 2015 incorporating Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council into the EEA Agreement

'The Union takes note of the adaptations of the maps proposed by the EFTA States. It confirms that the changes requested comply with the relevant criteria provided for in the Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (hereinafter 'the Regulation') and consequently that a high-level agreement within the meaning of Article 49(6) of the Regulation has been reached. This high-level agreement will be used as a basis for the adaptation of Annex III to the Regulation with regard to the indicative maps for the EFTA states concerned. To this end, the Commission will use the procedure set out in Article 49(6) of the Regulation.'
