

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

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amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2018/381]

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 continue the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement in Union actions funded from the general budget of the European Union regarding the operation and development of the internal market of goods and services.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2016,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following paragraph is added in Article 7 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

'12. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 2016, participate in the Union actions related to the following budget line, entered into the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016:

— **Budget line 02 03 01:** "Operation and development of the internal market of goods and services".'

*Article 2*This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

It shall apply from 1 January 2016.

*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, 8 July 2016.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ No constitutional requirements indicated.