

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 40/2017

of 3 February 2017

amending Annex XIII (Transport) and Protocol 37 (containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement [2018/1774]

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision (EU) 2016/566 of 11 April 2016 on establishing the high-level steering group for governance of the digital maritime system and services and repealing Decision 2009/584/EC ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) For the EEA Agreement to function well, Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement is to be amended to include the high-level steering group for governance of the digital maritime system and services set up by Commission Decision (EU) 2016/566, and Annex XIII is to be amended in order to specify the procedures for association with this Group.
- (3) Annex XIII and Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The text of point 55ab (Commission Decision 2009/584/EC) of Annex XIII to the EEA Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

'**32016 D 0566:** Commission Decision (EU) 2016/566 of 11 April 2016 on establishing the high-level steering group for governance of the digital maritime system and services and repealing Decision 2009/584/EC (OJ L 96, 12.4.2016, p. 46).

Modalities for the association of the EFTA States in accordance with Article 101 of the Agreement:

Each EFTA State may, in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Decision (EU) 2016/566, appoint a person to participate as an observer in the meetings of the high-level steering group for governance of the digital maritime system and services.'

Article 2

The text of point 34 (The High Level Steering Group on SafeSeaNet) of Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

'The high-level steering group for governance of the digital maritime system and services (Commission Decision (EU) 2016/566).'

*Article 3*The text of Decision (EU) 2016/566 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on 4 February 2017, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (*).

*Article 5*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, 3 February 2017.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

Claude MAERTEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 96, 12.4.2016, p. 46.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.