

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 116/2017****of 13 June 2017****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2018/809]**

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 implementation and development of the single market for financial 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 2017,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 7(11) of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words 'the financial year 2016' are replaced by the words 'the financial years 2016 and 2017'.

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 2017.

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 June 2017.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Claude MAERTEN

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.