

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 19/2018

of 9 February 2018

**amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the
EEA Agreement**

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) Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC¹ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2016/425 repeals, with effect from 21 April 2018, Council Directive 89/686/EEC², which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement with effect from 21 April 2018.
- (3) Annex II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Chapter XXII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following point is inserted after point 1 (Council Directive 89/686/EEC):
 - ‘2. **32016 R 0425**: Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 51).’
2. The text of point 1 (Council Directive 89/686/EEC) shall be deleted with effect from 21 April 2018.

Article 2

The text of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 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 81, 31.3.2016, p. 51.

² OJ L 399, 30.12.1989, p. 18.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 10 February 2018, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made*.

Article 4

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, 9 February 2018.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

Claude Maerten

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

Dag Wernø Holter / Vaclav Navratil

* [No constitutional requirements indicated.]