

Declaration of the EFTA States

to Decision No 249/2018 incorporating Directive (EU) 2015/849 into the EEA Agreement

Directive (EU) 2015/849 contains provisions with references to acts adopted under Title V TFEU. It is recalled that the incorporation of acts with such provisions into the EEA Agreement is without prejudice to the understanding that EU legislation adopted pursuant to Title V TFEU falls outside the scope of the EEA Agreement.

Joint Declaration by the Contracting Parties

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The Contracting Parties have agreed to include serious fraud affecting the financial interests of the European Union in the list of predicate offences to money laundering. For practical reasons, the Fourth Money Laundering Directive (Directive (EU) 2015/849) has been incorporated without a reciprocal agreement to protect likewise the financial interests of the EEA EFTA States. Nevertheless, the principles of reciprocity and homogeneity as laid down in the EEA Agreement, particularly in its Recital 4 and Article 1, remain fully applicable also to the mutual protection against criminal activity affecting the financial interests of the Contracting Parties in the meaning of Decision No 249/2018 of 5 December 2018.