

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 256/2018**

**of 5 December 2018**

**amending Annex IX (Financial Services) 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) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1800 of 29 June 2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 151/2013 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1073 of 1 July 2016 on the equivalence of designated contract markets in the United States of America in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2270 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of approved exchanges in Singapore in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>3</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2271 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of financial instrument exchanges and commodity exchanges in Japan in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (5) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2272 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of financial markets in Australia in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>5</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (6) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2273 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of recognised exchanges in Canada in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>6</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (7) Annex IX to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 259, 7.10.2017, p. 14.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 178, 2.7.2016, p. 24.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 42.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 45.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 48.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 51.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Annex IX to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following points are inserted after point 31bcai (Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2042):
  - ‘31bcaj. **32016 D 1073**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1073 of 1 July 2016 on the equivalence of designated contract markets in the United States of America in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 178, 2.7.2016, p. 24).
  - 31bcak. **32016 D 2270**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2270 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of approved exchanges in Singapore in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 42).
  - 31bc al. **32016 D 2271**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2271 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of financial instrument exchanges and commodity exchanges in Japan in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 45).
  - 31bc am. **32016 D 2272**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2272 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of financial markets in Australia in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 48).
  - 31bc an. **32016 D 2273**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2273 of 15 December 2016 on the equivalence of recognised exchanges in Canada in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 342, 16.12.2016, p. 51).’
2. The following is added in point 31bch (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 151/2013):
  - ‘, as amended by:
    - **32017 R 1800**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1800 of 29 June 2017 (OJ L 259, 7.10.2017, p. 14).’

*Article 2*

The texts of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1800 and Implementing Decisions (EU) 2016/1073, (EU) 2016/2270, (EU) 2016/2271, (EU) 2016/2272 and (EU) 2016/2273 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 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 6 December 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, 5 December 2018.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*Oda Helen Sletnes*

*The Secretaries  
To the EEA Joint Committee*

*Hege M. Hoff      Mikołaj Karłowski*

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\* [No constitutional requirements indicated.]