

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 21/2019****of 8 February 2019****amending Annex IX (Financial services) to the EEA Agreement [2019/342]**

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) 2015/751 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on interchange fees for card-based payment transactions ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Annex IX to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is inserted after point 31j (Directive 2014/17/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Annex IX to the EEA Agreement:

'31k. **32015 R 0751**: Regulation (EU) 2015/751 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on interchange fees for card-based payment transactions (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 1).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) In point (b) of Article 3(2), as regards the EFTA States, the words "8 June 2015" shall read "the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 21/2019 of 8 February 2019".
- (b) In Article 16(2), as regards the EFTA States, the words "until 9 December 2016" shall read "for one year after the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 21/2019 of 8 February 2019."

*Article 2*The text of Regulation (EU) 2015/751 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 9 February 2019, 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, 8 February 2019.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

Claude MAERTEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 1.

(*) Constitutional requirements indicated.