

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 261/2019**

**of 25 October 2019**

**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) 2018/72 of 4 October 2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2015/751 of the European Parliament and of the Council on interchange fees for card-based payment transactions with regard to regulatory technical standards establishing the requirements to be complied with by payment card schemes and processing entities to ensure the application of independence requirements in terms of accounting, organisation and decision-making process<sup>1</sup> 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 point is inserted after point 31k (Regulation (EU) 2015/751 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Annex IX to the EEA Agreement:

‘31ka. **32018 R 0072**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/72 of 4 October 2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2015/751 of the European Parliament and of the Council on interchange fees for card-based payment transactions with regard to regulatory technical standards establishing the requirements to be complied with by payment card schemes and processing entities to ensure the application of independence requirements in terms of accounting, organisation and decision-making process (OJ L 13, 18.1.2018, p. 1).’

*Article 2*

The text of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/72 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 13, 18.1.2018, p. 1.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 26 October 2019, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made\*, or on the day of the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 21/2019 of 8 February 2019<sup>2</sup>, whichever is the later.

*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, 25 October 2019.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*Gunnar Pálsson*

*The Secretaries  
To the EEA Joint Committee*

*Hege M. Hoff*

*Mikołaj Karłowski*

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\* [No constitutional requirements indicated.]

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 60, 28.2.2019, p. 34.