

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 115/2007

of 28 September 2007

amending Annex XI (Telecommunication services) and Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 and 101 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex XI to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 22/2007 of 27 April 2007 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Protocol 37 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 10/2004 of 6 February 2004 ⁽²⁾.
- (3) Commission Decision 2006/215/EC of 15 March 2006 on setting up a high level expert group to advise the European Commission on the implementation and the development of the i2010 strategy ⁽³⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (4) For the Agreement to function well, Protocol 37 to the Agreement is to be extended to include the high level expert group set up by Decision 2006/215/EC, and Annex XI is to be amended in order to specify the procedures for association with this group.
- (5) Commission Decision 2005/752/EC of 24 October 2005 establishing an expert group on electronic commerce ⁽⁴⁾ was incorporated into Annex XI to the Agreement by Decision No 120/2006.
- (6) For the Agreement to function well, Protocol 37 to the Agreement is to be extended to include the expert group on electronic commerce set up by Decision 2005/752/EC, and Annex XI is to be amended in order to specify the procedures for association with this group,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Annex XI to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. the following point shall be inserted after point 5n (Commission Decision 2005/752/EC):

'5o. **32006 D 0215:** Commission Decision 2006/215/EC of 15 March 2006 on setting up a high level expert group to advise the European Commission on the implementation and the development of the i2010 strategy (OJ L 80, 17.3.2006, p. 74).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 209, 9.8.2007, p. 40.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 116, 22.4.2004, p. 58.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 80, 17.3.2006, p. 74.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 282, 26.10.2005, p. 20.

Procedures for the association of Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway in accordance with Article 101 of the Agreement:

Each EFTA State may, in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Decision 2006/215/EC, appoint a person to participate as an observer in the meetings of the i2010 High Level Group.

The European Commission shall, in due time, inform the participants of the dates of the meetings of the Group and transmit to them the relevant documentation.;

2. the following shall be added in point 5n (Commission Decision 2005/752/EC):

‘Procedures for the association of Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway in accordance with Article 101 of the Agreement:

Each EFTA State may, in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Decision 2005/752/EC, appoint a person to participate as an observer in the meetings of the expert group on electronic commerce.

The European Commission shall, in due time, inform the participants of the dates of the meetings of the group and transmit to them the relevant documentation.’

Article 2

The following points shall be inserted in Protocol 37 (containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the Agreement:

‘18. The expert group on electronic commerce (Commission Decision 2005/752/EC).

19. The i2010 High Level Group (Commission Decision 2006/215/EC).’

Article 3

The text of Decision 2006/215/EC 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 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 29 September 2007, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee (*).

Article 5

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, 28 September 2007.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Stefán Haukur JÓHANNESSON

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.