

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 71/2007****of 29 June 2007****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

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 Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 74/2006 of 2 June 2006 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to continue the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement in the implementation and development of the Internal Market.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this cooperation to continue beyond 31 December 2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Article 7 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The words 'years 2004, 2005 and 2006' in paragraph 6 shall be replaced by the words 'years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007'.
2. The words 'year 2006' in paragraph 7 shall be replaced by the words 'years 2006 and 2007'.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification to the EEA Joint Committee under Article 103(1) of the Agreement (\*).

It shall apply from 1 January 2007.

*Article 3*

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, 29 June 2007.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*

*The President*

Alan SEATTER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 245, 7.9.2006, p. 45.

(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.