

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 173/2015****of 11 June 2015****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2016/2208]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include cooperation concerning free movement of workers, coordination of social security systems and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for that extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2015,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In paragraphs 5 and 13 of Article 5 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words 'the financial year 2014' are replaced by the words 'the financial years 2014 and 2015'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2015.

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, 11 June 2015.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Gianluca GRIPPA

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.