

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 74/2006
of 2 June 2006
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 40/2006 of 10 March 2006 ⁽¹⁾.
- (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 2005,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

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

1. The words 'years 2004 and 2005' in paragraph 6 shall be replaced by the words 'years 2004, 2005 and 2006'.
2. The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 6:

'7. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 2006, participate in the Community actions related to the following budget line, entered in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2006:

— **Budget line 02.03.01:** "Implementation and development of the internal market".'
3. The words 'paragraphs 5 and 6' in paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be replaced by the words 'paragraphs 5, 6 and 7'.

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 2006.

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, 2 June 2006.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
R. WRIGHT

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 147, 1.6.2006, p. 63.

^(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.