

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 156/2006****of 8 December 2006****amending Annex XIV (Competition) 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 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex XIV to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 107/2005 of 8 July 2005 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1459/2006 of 28 September 2006 on the application of Article 81(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of agreements and concerted practices concerning consultations on passenger tariffs on scheduled air services and slot allocation at airports ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 1459/2006 replaces Regulation (EEC) No 1617/93 ⁽³⁾ which expired on 30 June 2005 and should therefore be deleted from the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Annex XIV to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. the following point shall be inserted after point 11d (Council Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006):

'11e. **32006 R 1459**: Commission Regulation (EC) No 1459/2006 of 28 September 2006 on the application of Article 81(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of agreements and concerted practices concerning consultations on passenger tariffs on scheduled air services and slot allocation at airports (OJ L 272, 3.10.2006, p. 3).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purpose of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

In Article 1(b) the words "Community or between points in the Community, on the one hand, and points in Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, on the other" shall be replaced by "territory of the Contracting parties, or between points in the territory of the Contracting parties, on the one hand, and points in Switzerland on the other".;

2. the text of point 11b (Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1617/93) shall be deleted.

Article 2

The text of Regulation (EC) No 1459/2006 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 306, 24.11.2005, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 272, 3.10.2006, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 155, 26.6.1993, p. 18.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 9 December 2006, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee (*).

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, 8 December 2006.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Oda Helen SLETNES

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.