

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 157/2006
of 8 December 2006
amending Annex XV (State aid) 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 XV to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 91/2006 of 7 July 2006 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1628/2006 of 24 October 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to national regional investment aid ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following shall be inserted after point 1h (Commission Decision 2005/842/EC) of Annex XV to the Agreement:

National regional investment aid

- i. **32006 R 1628:** Commission Regulation (EC) No 1628/2006 of 24 October 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to national regional investment aid (OJ L 302, 1.11.2006, p. 29).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) the term "Commission" shall read "competent surveillance authority as defined in Article 62 of the EEA Agreement";
- (b) the words "compatible with the common market" shall read "compatible with the functioning of the EEA Agreement";
- (c) the words "incompatible with the common market" shall read "incompatible with the functioning of the EEA Agreement";
- (d) the term "Member State" shall read "EC Member State or EFTA State". The term "Member States" shall read "EC Member States or EFTA States";
- (e) the terms "Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty" shall read "Articles 61 and 62 of the EEA Agreement";
- (f) the term "Article 87(1)" shall read "Article 61(1) of the EEA Agreement";
- (g) the term "Article 87(3)" shall read "Article 61(3) of the EEA Agreement";
- (h) the terms "Article 87(3)(c)" and "Article 87(3)(c) of the Treaty" shall read "Article 61(3)(c) of the EEA Agreement";

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 289, 19.10.2006, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 302, 1.11.2006, p. 29.

- (i) the term “Article 88(3) of the Treaty” shall read “Article 1(3) of Protocol 3 to the Surveillance and Court Agreement”.

Article 2

The text of Regulation (EC) No 1628/2006 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

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.