

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 66/2007****of 15 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 90/2004 of 8 June 2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 1926/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a programme of Community action in the field of consumer policy (2007-2013) <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place with effect from 1 January 2007,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Article 6 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 3:

'3a. The EFTA States shall, with effect from 1 January 2007, participate in the following programme:

— **32006 D 1926**: Decision No 1926/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a programme of Community action in the field of consumer policy (2007-2013) (OJ L 404, 30.12.2006, p. 39).'

2. The text of paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the activities referred to in paragraphs 3 and 3a in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement.'

3. The text of paragraph 5 shall be replaced by the following:

'The EFTA States shall, as from the start of cooperation in the activities referred to in paragraphs 3 and 3a, participate fully in the EC committees and other bodies which assist the EC Commission in the management or development of these activities.'

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 349, 25.11.2004, p. 52.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 404, 30.12.2006, p. 39.

*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, 15 June 2007.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*

*The President*

Alan SEATTER

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(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.