

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 159/2009****of 4 December 2009****amending Protocol 31, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms, and Protocol 37 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 Articles 86, 98 and 101 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 94/2009 of 3 July 2009 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) Protocol 37 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 94/2009 of 3 July 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Commission Decision 2009/334/EC of 20 April 2009 establishing an expert group on the security of the European GNSS systems <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (4) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place.
- (5) For the Agreement to function well, Protocol 37 to the Agreement is to be extended to include the expert group on the security of the European GNSS systems set up by Decision 2009/334/EC, and Protocol 31 is to be amended in order to specify the procedures for association with this group,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Paragraph 8a of Article 1 (Research and technical development) of Protocol 31 shall be amended as follows:

1. adaptations (d) and (e) shall be renumbered as adaptations (e) and (f) respectively;
2. the following new adaptation (d) shall be inserted after adaptation (c):

'(d) Procedures for the association of the EFTA States in accordance with Article 101 of the Agreement:

Each EFTA State may, in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Decision 2009/334/EC (\*), appoint a person to participate as a full member in the meetings of the expert group on the security of the European GNSS systems (The Security Board for the European GNSS Systems).

The European Commission shall, in due time, inform the participants of the dates of the meetings of the group and transmit to them the relevant documentation.

(\*) Commission Decision 2009/334/EC of 20 April 2009 (OJ L 101, 21.4.2009, p. 22).'

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 277, 22.10.2009, p. 50.

<sup>(2)</sup> See footnote 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 101, 21.4.2009, p. 22.

*Article 2*

The following point shall be inserted in Protocol 37 (containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the Agreement:

‘32. The Security Board for the European GNSS Systems (Commission Decision 2009/334/EC).’

*Article 3*

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 (\*).

*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, 4 December 2009.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*

*The President*

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(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.