

**EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY DECISION****No 441/12/COL****of 29 November 2012****on the designation of new Hearing Officers in certain competition proceedings**

THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY,

HAVING REGARD to the Rules of Procedures of the EFTA Surveillance Authority, in particular, Article 15 thereof,

HAVING REGARD to Decision No 442/12/COL of the EFTA Surveillance Authority of 29 November 2012 on the function and terms of reference of the Hearing Officers in certain competition proceedings, and in particular its Article 2,

Whereas:

In order to ensure the efficient conduct of competition proceedings and that the rights of parties to be heard is guaranteed in such proceedings, one or more Hearing Officers shall be designated,

The Member of the Authority with special responsibility for competition can decide that the Authority official shall continue to serve as a Hearing Officer in that case after the termination of his or her employment with the Authority,

Where a Hearing Officer is unable to act, his or her role shall be carried out by another Hearing Officer. If no Hearing Officer is able to act, the competent member of the College shall designate another competent Authority official, who is not involved in the case in question, to carry out the Hearing Officer's duties,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1***Appointment of Hearing Officers**

1. Ms. Clémence Perrin and Ms. Auður Steinarsdóttir, Legal Officers, are appointed Hearing Officers for competition proceedings.

2. If no Hearing Officer is able to act, the College Member with responsibility for competition is hereby empowered to designate another competent official of the EFTA Surveillance Authority, who is not involved in the case in question, to carry out the Hearing Officer's duties.

*Article 2***Repeal of previous Decisions**

Decision No 554/08/COL and Decision No 7/10/COL of the EFTA Surveillance Authority are repealed and the services of former Hearing Officers are terminated.

*Article 3***Information**

The EFTA States and the European Commission shall be informed by a means of a copy of the Decision.

*Article 4***Entry into force**

This Decision takes effect on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 29 November 2012.

*For the EFTA Surveillance Authority*

Oda Helen SLETNES  
*President*

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*College Member*