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to the

proposal for a Council Decision

**on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union,
within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA
Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms
(Budget Line 02.03.01 Internal Market and Budget line 02.03.04 Internal Market
Governance Tools)**

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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2017 of 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 (“the EEA Agreement”), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It is appropriate to continue the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement in Union actions funded from the general budget of the European Union regarding the operation and development of the internal market of goods and services.
- (2) In addition, the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement should be extended to Union actions funded from the general budget of the European Union regarding internal market governance tools.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2017,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 7 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

1. In paragraph 12, the words “the financial year 2016” are replaced by the words “the financial years 2016 and 2017”.
2. The following paragraph is added:
‘14. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 2017, participate in Union actions related to the following budget line, entered into the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017:
- **Budget line 02 03 04:** “Internal market governance tools”.’

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2017.

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*.

* [No constitutional requirements indicated.] [Constitutional requirements indicated.]

Done at Brussels, .

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*