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## PROPOSAL

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From:	Secretary-General of the European Commission, signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director
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To:	Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
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Subject:	ANNEX DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2015 of amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms to the proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget Lines 02.03.01 and 12.02.01)

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Delegations will find attached document COM(2015) 225 final - ANNEX 1.

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of  
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the four freedoms**

**to the**

**proposal for a Council decision**

**on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint  
Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on  
cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms  
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## ANNEX

### DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2015 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 implementation, operation and development of the Internal Market.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to continue beyond 31 December 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

Article 7 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following paragraph is inserted after paragraph 9:
  - ‘10. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 2015, participate in the Union actions related to the following budget lines, entered into the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015:
    - **Budget line 02.03.01:** “Operation and development of the internal market, particularly in the fields of notification, certification and sectoral approximation”,
    - **Budget line 12.02.01:** “Implementation and development of the internal market”.’
2. The words “paragraphs 5 to 9” in paragraphs 3 and 4 are replaced by the words “paragraphs 5 to 10”.

*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 2015.

*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, .

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*

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