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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/...

of ...

**on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union,
within the EEA Joint Committee, concerning the amendment
of Annex IX (Financial Services) to the EEA Agreement
(Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (MiFIR) and Directive MiFID II)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 of 28 November 1994 concerning arrangements for implementing the Agreement on the European Economic Area¹, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

¹ OJ L 305, 30.11.1994, p. 6.

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement on the European Economic Area¹ ('the EEA Agreement') entered into force on 1 January 1994.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 98 of the EEA Agreement, the EEA Joint Committee may decide to amend, *inter alia*, Annex IX to that Agreement, which contains provisions on financial services.
- (3) Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council² and Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council³ are to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Annex IX to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) The position of the Union within the EEA Joint Committee should therefore be based on the attached draft decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3.

² Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 84).

³ Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 349).

Article 1

The position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, within the EEA Joint Committee on the proposed amendment of Annex IX (Financial services) to the EEA Agreement, shall be based on the draft decision of the EEA Joint Committee attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2019

of ...

amending Annex IX (Financial services) to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012¹, as corrected by OJ L 270, 15.10.2015, p. 4, OJ L 187, 12.7.2016, p. 30 and OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 54, is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2016/1033 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments, Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 on market abuse and Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 on improving securities settlement in the European Union and on central securities depositories² is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU³, as corrected by OJ L 188, 13.7.2016, p. 28, OJ L 273, 8.10.2016, p. 35 and OJ L 64, 10.3.2017, p. 116, is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Directive (EU) 2016/1034 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2016 amending Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments⁴ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

¹ OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 84.

² OJ L 175, 30.6.2016, p. 1.

³ OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 349.

⁴ OJ L 175, 30.6.2016, p. 8.

- (5) Directive 2014/65/EU repeals Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council¹, which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (6) Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 specifies cases in which the European Banking Authority (EBA) and European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) may temporarily prohibit or restrict certain financial activities, and lays down conditions thereto, in accordance with Article 9(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council² and of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council³, respectively. For the purposes of the EEA Agreement, these powers are to be exercised by the EFTA Surveillance Authority as regards the EFTA States, in accordance with points 31g and 31i of Annex IX to the EEA Agreement. To ensure integration of the expertise of EBA and ESMA in the process and consistency between the two pillars of the EEA, such decisions of the EFTA Surveillance Authority will be adopted on the basis of drafts prepared by EBA or ESMA, as the case may be. This will preserve key advantages of supervision by a single authority.

¹ OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

² OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 12.

³ OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 84.

- (7) The Contracting Parties share the understanding that this Decision implements the agreement that was reflected in the conclusions¹ of the EU and EEA EFTA Ministers of Finance and Economy of 14 October 2014 regarding the incorporation of the EU ESAs Regulations into the EEA Agreement.
- (8) Annex IX to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Conclusions on the EU and EEA EFTA Ministers of Finance and Economy, 14178/1/14 REV 1.

Article 1

Annex IX to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following is added in point 13b (Directive 2002/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council):

' , as amended by:

- **32014 L 0065**: Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 349), as corrected by OJ L 188, 13.7.2016, p. 28, OJ L 273, 8.10.2016, p. 35 and OJ L 64, 10.3.2017, p. 116.'

2. The text of point 31ba (Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) is replaced by the following:

'**32014 L 0065**: Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 349), as corrected by OJ L 188, 13.7.2016, p. 28, OJ L 273, 8.10.2016, p. 35 and OJ L 64, 10.3.2017, p. 116, as amended by:

- **32016 L 1034**: Directive (EU) 2016/1034 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2016 (OJ L 175, 30.6.2016, p. 8).

The provisions of the Directive shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Protocol 1 to this Agreement, and unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the terms "Member State(s)" and "competent authorities" shall be understood to include, in addition to their meaning in the Directive, the EFTA States and their competent authorities, respectively.
- (b) References to members of the ESCB shall be understood to include, in addition to their meaning in the Directive, the national central banks of the EFTA States.
- (c) References to other acts in the Directive shall be considered relevant to the extent and in the form that those acts are incorporated into the Agreement.
- (d) In Article 3(2), as regards the EFTA States, the words "2 July 2014" shall read "the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No .../... of ... [this Decision]" and the words "3 July 2019" shall read "five years thereafter".
- (e) In Article 16(11), as regards the EFTA States, the words "2 July 2014" shall read "the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No .../... of ... [this Decision]".
- (f) In Article 41(2), the word "Union" shall be replaced by the word "EEA".

- (g) In Article 57:
- (i) in the second subparagraph of paragraph 5, the words "it shall take action" shall be replaced by the words "ESMA or, as the case may be, the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall take action";
 - (ii) in paragraph 6, the words "or, as the case may be, the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the word "ESMA".
- (h) In points (f) and (g) of Article 70(6), as regards the EFTA States, the words "2 July 2014" shall read "the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No .../... of ... [this Decision]".
- (i) In Article 79:
- (i) in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the words "or, as the case may be, the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the word "ESMA";
 - (ii) in the fifth subparagraph of paragraph 1, the words ", the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the words "the Commission, ESMA".
- (j) In Articles 81(5), 82(2) and 87(1), the words "or, as the case may be, the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the word "ESMA".

- (k) In Article 86, the words "ESMA, which" shall be replaced by the words "ESMA. ESMA or, as the case may be, the EFTA Surveillance Authority".
- (l) In Article 95(1), as regards the EFTA States, the words "3 January 2018" shall read "the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No .../... of ... [this Decision]".'

3. The text of point 31baa (deleted) is replaced by the following:

'32014 R 0600: Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 84), as corrected by OJ L 270, 15.10.2015, p. 4, OJ L 187, 12.7.2016, p. 30 and OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 54, as amended by:

- **32016 R 1033:** Regulation (EU) 2016/1033 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2016 (OJ L 175, 30.6.2016, p. 1).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Protocol 1 to this Agreement, and unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the terms "Member State(s)" and "competent authorities" shall be understood to include, in addition to their meaning in the Regulation, the EFTA States and their competent authorities, respectively.

- (b) References to members of the ESCB shall be understood to include, in addition to their meaning in the Regulation, the national central banks of the EFTA States.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the European Banking Authority (EBA) or the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), as the case may be, and the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall cooperate, exchange information and consult each other for the purposes of the Regulation, in particular prior to taking any action.
- (d) References to other acts in the Regulation shall be considered relevant to the extent and in the form that those acts are incorporated into the Agreement.
- (e) References to the powers of ESMA under Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council in the Regulation shall be understood as referring, in the cases provided for in and in accordance with point 31i of this Annex, to the powers of the EFTA Surveillance Authority as regards the EFTA States.
- (f) In point (e) of Article 1(1):
 - (i) as regards the EFTA States, the words "competent authorities, ESMA and EBA" shall read "competent authorities and the EFTA Surveillance Authority";

- (ii) the words "or, as regards the EFTA States, the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the words "powers of ESMA".
- (g) In Article 4:
 - (i) in paragraph 4, the words "and to the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the words "the Commission";
 - (ii) in paragraph 7, the words "or, as regards waivers granted by competent authorities of the EFTA States, before the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No .../... of ... [this Decision]" shall be inserted after the words "3 January 2018".
- (h) In Articles 7(1), 9(2), 11(1) and 19(1), the words "and to the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the words "the Commission".
- (i) In Article 36(5):
 - (i) in the first and second sentences, as regards the EFTA States, the word "ESMA" shall read "the EFTA Surveillance Authority";
 - (ii) the words "and shall include in the list all notifications received by the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the words "ESMA shall publish a list of all notifications that it receives".

- (j) In Article 37(2):
- (i) as regards the EFTA States, the words "3 January 2018" shall read "the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No .../... of ... [this Decision]";
 - (ii) the words "Article 101 and 102 TFEU" shall be replaced by the words "Articles 53 and 54 of the EEA Agreement".
- (k) In Article 40:
- (i) as regards the EFTA States, in paragraphs 1 to 4, 6 and 7, the word "ESMA" shall read "the EFTA Surveillance Authority";
 - (ii) as regards the EFTA States, in paragraph 2, the words "Union law" shall read "the EEA Agreement";
 - (iii) in paragraph 3, the words "after consulting the public bodies" shall be replaced by the words "after consultation by ESMA of the public bodies";
 - (iv) in paragraph 3, the words "without issuing the opinion" shall be replaced by the words "without ESMA issuing the opinion";
 - (v) in paragraph 5, the words "any decision to take any action" shall be replaced by the words "each of its decisions to take action";

- (vi) in paragraph 5, the words ". The EFTA Surveillance Authority shall publish on its website notice of each of its own decisions to take any action under this Article. A reference to the publication of the notice by the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall be posted on ESMA's website" shall be inserted after the words "this Article".

- (l) In Article 41:
 - (i) as regards the EFTA States, in paragraphs 1 to 4, 6 and 7, the word "EBA" shall read "the EFTA Surveillance Authority";
 - (ii) as regards the EFTA States, in paragraph 2, the words "Union law" shall read "the EEA Agreement";
 - (iii) in paragraph 3, the words "without issuing the opinion" shall be replaced by the words "without EBA issuing the opinion";
 - (iv) in paragraph 5, the words "any decision to take any action" shall be replaced by the words "each of its decisions to take action";
 - (v) in paragraph 5, the words ". The EFTA Surveillance Authority shall publish on its website notice of each of its own decisions to take any action under this Article. A reference to the publication of the notice by the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall be posted on EBA's website" shall be inserted after the words "this Article".

- (m) In Article 45:
- (i) in the paragraph 1, the words "or, as regards the EFTA States, the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the word "ESMA";
 - (ii) in paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9 and in the first subparagraph of paragraph 3, the words "or, as the case may be, the EFTA Surveillance Authority" shall be inserted after the word "ESMA";
 - (iii) in the second and third subparagraphs of paragraph 3, the words "or, as the case may be, preparing drafts for the EFTA Surveillance Authority," shall be inserted after the words "before taking any measure";
 - (iv) in paragraph 6, the words "any decision" shall read "each of its decisions";
 - (v) in paragraph 6, the words ". The EFTA Surveillance Authority shall publish on its website notice of each of its own decisions to impose or renew any measure referred to in paragraph 1(c). A reference to the publication of the notice by the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall be posted on ESMA's website" shall be inserted after the words "paragraph 1(c)";
 - (vi) in paragraph 7, the words "on the ESMA website or, as regards measures taken by the EFTA Surveillance Authority, when the notice is published on the website of the EFTA Surveillance Authority," shall be inserted after the words "when the notice is published".'

4. The following indent is added in point 31bc (Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council):

- '– **32014 R 0600**: Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 84), as corrected by OJ L 270, 15.10.2015, p. 4, OJ L 187, 12.7.2016, p. 30 and OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 54.'

Article 2

The texts of Regulations (EU) No 600/2014, as corrected by OJ L 270, 15.10.2015, p. 4, OJ L 187, 12.7.2016, p. 30 and OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 54, and (EU) 2016/1033 and Directives 2014/65/EU, as corrected by OJ L 188, 13.7.2016, p. 28, OJ L 273, 8.10.2016, p. 35 and OJ L 64, 10.3.2017, p. 116, and (EU) 2016/1034 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

Article 3

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

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

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,

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

The Secretaries

to the EEA Joint Committee

Joint Declaration by the Contracting Parties
to Decision No .../2019 incorporating Directive 2014/65/EU
into the EEA Agreement

The Contracting Parties share the understanding that the incorporation into the EEA Agreement of Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU is without prejudice to national rules of general application concerning the screening for security or public order of foreign direct investment.
