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(Processing of personal data - combating online child sexual abuse)

# **ANNEX**

#### DRAFT DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No [...]

of [...]

# amending Annex XI (Electronic communication, audiovisual services and information society) 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) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2021 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse<sup>1</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2024/1307 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse<sup>2</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Annex XI to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

#### HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

## Article 1

The following is inserted after point 5haa (Commission Regulation (EU) No 611/2013) of Annex XI to the EEA Agreement:

- '5hab. **32021 R 1232**: Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2021 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse (OJ L 274, 30.7.2021, p. 41), as amended by:
  - **32024 R 1307**: Regulation (EU) 2024/1307 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2024 (OJ L, 2024/1307, 14.5.2024).

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OJ L 274, 30.7.2021, p. 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ L, 2024/1307, 14.5.2024.

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

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Protocol 1 to this Agreement, the terms "Member State(s)" and "supervisory authorities" shall be understood to include, in addition to their meaning in the Regulation, the EFTA States and their supervisory authorities, respectively.
- (b) In Article 2, as regards the EFTA States:
  - (i) paragraph 2, point (a), shall read as "child pornography' understood as: (i) any material that visually depicts a child engaged in real or simulated sexually explicit conduct; (ii) any depiction of the sexual organs of a child for primarily sexual purposes; (iii) any material that visually depicts any person appearing to be a child engaged in real or simulated sexually explicit conduct or any depiction of the sexual organs of any persons appearing to be a child, for primarily sexual purposes; or (iv) realistic images of a child engaged in sexually explicit conduct or realistic images of the sexual organs of a child, for primarily sexual purposes."
  - (ii) paragraph 2, point (b) shall read as "pornographic performance' understood as a live exhibition aimed at an audience, including by means of information and communication technology, of: (i) a child engaged in real or simulated sexually explicit conduct; or (ii) the sexual organs of a child for primarily sexual purposes."
  - (iii) in paragraph 3, the reference to Article 6 of Directive 2011/93/EU shall be understood as reference to the corresponding provisions of the national law of the EFTA States.

## (c) In Article 3:

- (i) in paragraph 1(g)(vii), as regards the EFTA States, the words "by 3 February 2022, and by 31 January every year thereafter" shall read "by 31 January every year following the entry into force of [this Decision]";
- (ii) in paragraph 1(g)(vii) the words "or the EFTA Surveillance Authority, for providers registered in the EFTA States" shall be inserted after the word "Commission";
- (iii) in paragraph 1(h)(v), as regards the EFTA States, the reference to Directive 2011/93/EU shall be understood as reference to the corresponding provisions of the national law of the EFTA States.

## (d) In Article 7:

- (i) in paragraph 1, as regards the EFTA States, the words "By 3 September 2021" shall read "No later than two months from the date of entry into force of this [this Decision]";
- (ii) in paragraph 1 the words "or the EFTA Surveillance Authority, for providers registered in the EFTA States" shall be inserted after the word "Commission".
- (e) When receiving information from providers under this Regulation, the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall submit the information to the Commission, without undue delay. The information provided by providers located in the

EFTA States under paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the Regulation shall be made public by the Commission.

#### Article 2

The texts of Regulations (EU) 2021/1232 and (EU) 2024/1307 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 [...], provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made<sup>3\*</sup> or on the day of the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 275/2021 of 24 September 2021<sup>4</sup> [incorporating Directive 2018/1972 into the EEA Agreement], whichever is the later.

#### 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
[...]

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<sup>\* [</sup>No constitutional requirements indicated.] [Constitutional requirements indicated.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ L ...