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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/2543

of 9 November 2026

on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) and Protocol 37 (Containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement (Directive on honey)

(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 43(2), 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 Area [1], and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement on the European Economic Area [2] (the 'EEA Agreement') entered into force on 1 January 1994.

(2) Pursuant to Article 98 of the EEA Agreement, the EEA Joint Committee is able to amend, inter alia, Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) and Protocol 37 (Containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement.

(3) Directive (EU) 2024/1438 of the European Parliament and of the Council [3], as corrected by OJ L, 2026/90217, 19.3.2026, should be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(4) Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) and Protocol 37 (Containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) It is therefore appropriate to establish the position to be adopted on the Union's behalf within the EEA Joint Committee concerning the proposed amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) and Protocol 37 (Containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be adopted, on the Union's behalf, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning the proposed amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) and Protocol 37 (Containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement, shall be based on the draft decision of the EEA Joint Committee attached to this Decision.

[1] OJ L 305, 30.11.1994, p. 6, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1994/2894/oj.
[2] OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/1994/1/oj.
[3] Directive (EU) 2024/1438 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 amending Council Directives 2001/110/EC relating to honey, 2001/112/EC relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption, 2001/113/EC relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption, and 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption (OJ L, 2024/1438, 24.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1438/oj).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2026.

For the Council
The President
S. HARRIS

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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No …/…

of …

amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) and Protocol 37 (Containing the list provided for in Article 101) 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) Directive (EU) 2024/1438 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 amending Council Directives 2001/110/EC relating to honey, 2001/112/EC relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption, 2001/113/EC relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption, and 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption ([1]), as corrected by OJ L, 2026/90217, 19.3.2026, is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(2) This Decision concerns legislation regarding foodstuffs. Legislation regarding foodstuffs shall not apply to Liechtenstein as long as the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products is extended to Liechtenstein, as specified in the introduction to Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.

(3) Annex II and Protocol 37 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. Point 54zo (Council Directive 2001/110/EC) is amended as follows:

   a. the following indent is added:

   '— **32024 L 1438**: Directive (EU) 2024/1438 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 (OJ L, 2024/1438, 24.5.2024), as corrected by OJ L, 2026/90217, 19.3.2026.'

   b. The following is added:

   'Modalities for the association of the EFTA States in accordance with Article 101 of the Agreement:

   The EFTA States shall be fully associated with the works of the platform established pursuant to Article 4b and shall within it have the same rights and obligations as the EU Member States, except for the right to vote.'

2. The following indent is added in points 54zq (Council Directive 2001/112/EC), 54zr (Council Directive 2001/113/EC) and 54zs (Council Directive 2001/114/EC):

   '— **32024 L 1438**: Directive (EU) 2024/1438 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 (OJ L, 2024/1438, 24.5.2024), as corrected by OJ L, 2026/90217, 19.3.2026.'

([1]) OJ L, 2024/1438, 24.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1438/oj.

Article 2

The following point is inserted in Protocol 37:

'50. The platform pursuant to Article 4b of Directive 2001/110/EC.'

Article 3

The text of Directive (EU) 2024/1438, as corrected by OJ L, 2026/90217, 19.3.2026, 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 4

This Decision shall enter into force on […], provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (*).

Article 5

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

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