DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 153/2009

of 4 December 2009

amending Annex XXI (Statistics) and Protocol 30 on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics to the EEA Agreement

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex XXI to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 113/2009 of 22 October 2009 [1].

(2) Protocol 30 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 90/2009 of 3 July 2009 [2].

(3) Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities [3] is to be incorporated into the Agreement.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 repeals Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council [4] and Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 [5], which are incorporated into the Agreement and which are consequently to be repealed under the Agreement.

(5) All references to the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC) in Protocol 30 to the Agreement should be replaced by a reference to the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC),

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Annex XXI to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. the text of point 17 (Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council) shall be replaced by the following:

[1] OJ L 334, 17.12.2009, p. 15.
[2] OJ L 277, 22.10.2009, p. 43.
[3] OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164.
[4] OJ L 304, 14.11.2008, p. 70.
[5] OJ L 52, 22.2.1997, p. 1.

'**32009 R 0223**: Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).';

2. the text of point 17a (Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97) shall be deleted.

Article 2

Protocol 30 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. the text of Article 1(6) shall be replaced by the following:

'The handling of statistics from the EFTA States shall be governed by Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).';

2. the words 'Statistical Programme Committee (SPC)' in Article 1(1) shall be replaced by the words 'European Statistical System Committee (ESSC)';

3. the words 'SPC/EEA' in Article 1(1) and 1(7) shall be replaced by the words 'ESSC/EEA'.

Article 3

The text of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 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 5 December 2009, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee (*).

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, 4 December 2009.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Oda Helen SLETNES

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.