DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 55/2007

of 8 June 2007

amending Annex XV (State aid) 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 XV to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 29/2007 of 27 April 2007 ([1]).

(2) Commission Directive 2006/111/EC of 16 November 2006 on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings as well as on financial transparency within certain undertakings ([2]) is to be incorporated into the Agreement.

(3) Directive 2006/111/EC repeals Commission Directives 80/723/EEC ([3]), 85/413/EEC ([4]), 93/84/EEC ([5]), 2000/52/EC ([6]) and 2005/81/EC ([7]), which are incorporated into the Agreement and which are consequently to be repealed under the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Annex XV to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. Point 1a (Commission Decision No 2496/96/ECSC) shall be renumbered as point 1aa.

2. The following point shall be inserted after point 1 (Commission Directive 80/723/EEC):

'1a. **32006 L 0111**: Commission Directive 2006/111/EC of 16 November 2006 on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings as well as on financial transparency within certain undertakings (OJ L 318, 17.11.2006, p. 17).

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

(a) The term "Commission" shall read "competent surveillance authority as defined in Article 62 of the EEA Agreement".

(b) The term "trade between Member States" shall read "trade between Contracting Parties".'

3. The text of point 1 (Commission Directive 80/723/EEC) shall be deleted.

Article 2

The texts of Directive 2006/111/EC in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

([1]) OJ L 209, 9.8.2007, p. 52.
([2]) OJ L 318, 17.11.2006, p. 17.
([3]) OJ L 195, 29.7.1980, p. 35.
([4]) OJ L 229, 28.8.1985, p. 20.
([5]) OJ L 254, 12.10.1993, p. 16.
([6]) OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 75.
([7]) OJ L 312, 29.11.2005, p. 47.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 9 June 2007, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee (*).

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, 8 June 2007.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Alan SEATTER

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.