Council Decision (EU) 2019/1577 of 16 September 2019 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning the amendment of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Text with EEA relevance)

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/1577

of 16 September 2019

on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning the amendment of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms

(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 196 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 may decide to amend, inter alia, Protocol 31 to that Agreement.

(3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement contains specific provisions on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms.

(4) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)].

(5) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly, in order to allow for that extended cooperation to take place from 21 March 2019.

(6) The position of the Union within the EEA Joint Committee should be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1577. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

The position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, within the EEA Joint Committee on the proposed amendment of Protocol 31 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, 16 September 2019.

For the Council

The President

T. TUPPURAINEN

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1577. (See end of Document for details)*

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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No […]

of […]

amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to include Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2019 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism[(4)].

(2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly in order to allow for that extended cooperation to take place from 21 March 2019,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following shall be inserted in the indent (Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Article 10(8)(d) of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

as amended by:

— **32019 D 0420**: Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2019 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 77I, 20.3.2019, p. 1)..

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification to the EEA Joint Committee under Article 103(1) of the Agreement[(5)].

It shall apply from 21 March 2019.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.