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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 342/2023
of 8 December 2023
amending Annex XXI (Statistics) to the EEA Agreement [2024/1460]**

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) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 of 31 July 2020 laying down the methodological and technical specifications in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/792 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards harmonised indices of consumer prices and the house price index ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) In view of the resources required to implement Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 in a specific system of taxes in Iceland and the limited impact on comparability with Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices at Constant Taxes (HICP-CT) produced by other countries pursuant Regulation (EU) 2016/792, it is appropriate to exempt Iceland from Article 21 of Chapter 2 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1148. This enables Iceland to apply a simplified methodology to compile the HICP-CT and therefore to fulfill the reporting requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/792.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 repeals Regulations (EC) No 1749/96 ⁽²⁾, (EC) No 2214/96 ⁽³⁾, (EC) No 1687/98 ⁽⁴⁾, (EC) No 2646/98 ⁽⁵⁾, (EC) No 1617/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, (EC) No 2166/1999 ⁽⁷⁾, (EC) No 2601/2000 ⁽⁸⁾, (EC) No 2602/2000 ⁽⁹⁾, (EC) No 1920/2001 ⁽¹⁰⁾, (EC) No 1921/2001 ⁽¹¹⁾, (EC) No 1708/2005 ⁽¹²⁾, (EC) No 701/2006 ⁽¹³⁾, (EC) No 330/2009 ⁽¹⁴⁾, (EU) No 1114/2010 ⁽¹⁵⁾ and (EU) No 93/2013 ⁽¹⁶⁾, which are incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which are consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Annex XXI to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex XXI to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The text of point 19ba (Commission Regulation (EU) No 93/2013) is replaced by the following:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 4.8.2020, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 229, 10.9.1996, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 296, 21.11.1996, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p. 12.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 335, 10.12.1998, p. 30.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 9.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 266, 14.10.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p. 14.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p. 16.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p. 46.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p. 49.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 274, 20.10.2005, p. 9.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ L 122, 9.5.2006, p. 3.

⁽¹⁴⁾ OJ L 103, 23.4.2009, p. 6.

⁽¹⁵⁾ OJ L 316, 2.12.2010, p. 4.

⁽¹⁶⁾ OJ L 33, 2.2.2013, p. 14.

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The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

Article 21 of Chapter 2 shall not apply to Iceland.’

2. The texts of points 19bb, 19c, 19f, 19g, 19h, 19i, 19k, 19l, 19m, 19n, 19v, 19w and 19wa are deleted.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148 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 9 December 2023, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (*).

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 December 2023.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Pascal SCHAFHAUSER

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.