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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/…

of …

on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning the amendment of Protocol 31 on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms, annexed to the EEA Agreement (EU4Health Programme)

(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 168(5), 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,

[1] OJ L 305, 30.11.1994, p. 6.

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement on the European Economic Area[1] ('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 on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms ('Protocol 31'), annexed to the EEA Agreement.

(3) Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council[2] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(4) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) The position of the Union in the EEA Joint Committee should therefore be based on the draft decision of the EEA Joint Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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1 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3.

2 Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 establishing a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 (OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p. 1).

Article 1

The position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, within the EEA Joint Committee on the proposed amendment of Protocol 31 on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms, annexed to the EEA Agreement, shall be based on the draft decision of the EEA Joint Committee[1].

Article 2

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

Done at …,

For the Council
The President

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[1] See document ST 11535/21 at http://register.consilium.europa.eu.