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Subject: Progress Report by the EEA Joint Committee

Decision making

1. The EEA Joint Committee has adopted 131 Joint Committee Decisions (JCDs) incorporating 212 legal acts into the EEA Agreement since the 62nd meeting of the EEA Council on 27 May 2026. In the period from 1 January to 23 October 2026 the EEA Joint Committee adopted 285 JCDs incorporating 457 legal acts. In comparison, during the period from 1 January to 24 October 2025, the EEA Joint Committee adopted 251 JCDs incorporating 445 legal acts.
2. On 30 September 2026[1], there were 585 legal acts awaiting incorporation, compared with 595 legal acts on 8 April 2026. Since April 2026, therefore, the overall number of legal acts outstanding has decreased. Of the 585 legal acts outstanding on 30 September 2026, for 175 legal acts the compliance date in the EU passed less than six months ago.
3. On 23 October 2026, the number of JCDs awaiting the fulfilment of constitutional requirements where the six-month period had expired was 34, compared with 26 in April 2026.

[1] The date reflects the most recent edition of the Monitoring List prior to the EEA Joint Committee meeting of 23 October 2026. This is a list of all legal acts outstanding where the compliance date passed two weeks prior to the Subcommittees I-IV meeting.

4. Important decisions incorporated since the 62nd meeting of the EEA Council on 27 May 2026 include:
    - Decision No 176/2026 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council by specifying rules of procedure for measures applicable to the supervision by the European Securities Markets Authority of certain benchmark administrators
    - Decision No 184/2026 on the establishment of a temporary direct statistical action for the dissemination of selected topics of the 2021 population and housing census geocoded to 1 km2 grid
    - Decision No 224/2026 amending Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics
    - Decision No 226/2026 on the Procedural State Aid Regulation
    - Decision No 228/2027 establishing the Union Secure Connectivity Programme for the period 2023–2027
    - Decision No 229/2026 establishing the European Defence Industry Programme
    - Decision Nos 264 to 267 establishing gas network codes
    - Decision No 283/2026 establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism ('CBAM')
    - Decision No 287/2026 concerning technical and financial arrangements for the application of Regulation (EU) 2023/956 (CBAM)
    - Decision No 312/2026 regarding a shorter settlement cycle for the trading of securities
    - Decision No 317/2026 amending the Solvency II framework

Decision shaping

5. The EEA EFTA States participate in 17 EU programmes and 19 decentralised agencies, as well as in the activities of six executive agencies.
6. Since the last meeting of the EEA Council on 27 May 2026, the EEA Joint Committee has taken note of EEA EFTA Comments on the following subjects:
    - The EU Delivery Act
    - The Union Civil Protection Mechanism and the Union support for health emergency preparedness and response 2028–2034, or UCPM+

- The Digital Leadership window of the European Competitiveness Fund 2028–2034
- The proposal for Horizon Europe under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028–2034
- The Industrial Accelerator Act (IAA)

Briefings in the EEA Joint Committee

7. In the period from 30 April 2026 to 23 October 2026, the EEA Joint Committee received briefings on:
   - Iceland's 29 August referendum on whether to resume accession negotiations with the EU
   - The Norwegian project to simplify and render more efficient the EEA management procedures.

Article 113 consultations in the EEA Joint Committee

8. In the period from 30 April 2026 to 23 October 2026, the EEA Joint Committee held two tri-monthly consultations on the ferroalloy safeguard measures, in accordance with Article 113 of the EEA Agreement.

Status of issues outstanding

9. Discussions on the following issues have not yet been concluded:

   Energy:

   - Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/631 establishing a network code on requirements for grid connection of generators; Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (REMIT); Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2196 establishing a network code on electricity emergency and restoration; Regulation (EU) 2019/942 establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators; Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity; Directive (EU) 2019/944 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on common rules for the internal market for electricity and amending Directive 2012/27/EU; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1294 of 15 September 2020 on the Union renewable energy financing mechanism.

Food chain:

- Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed (GM Food and Feed); Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2122 on personal consignments

Transport:

- Regulation (EU) 2016/1199 on helicopter offshore operations (HOFO)

Competition policy:

- Directive (EU) 2019/1 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market ("ECN+ Directive"); Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union

Financial services:

- Directive 2014/49/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on deposit guarantee scheme (recast) – DSG III; Regulation (EU) 2019/2099 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1302 of 14 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to fees charged by the European Securities and Markets Authority to central counterparties established in third countries; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1303 of 14 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the criteria that ESMA should take into account to determine whether a central counterparty established in a third country is systemically important or likely to become systemically important for the financial stability of the Union or of one or more of its Member States; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1304 of 14 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the minimum elements to be assessed by ESMA when assessing third-country CCPs' requests for comparable compliance and the modalities and conditions of that assessment.

Environment:

- Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive 2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2001/81/EC

Statistics:

- Regulation (EU) 2016/1952 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC; Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2146 of 26 November 2019 amending Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics, as regards the implementation of updates for the annual, monthly and short-term monthly energy statistics;

10. The EEA Joint Committee has reiterated its determination to work towards the rapid conclusion of these issues.

Financial Mechanisms

11. For the current period of the EEA and Norway Financial Mechanisms (2021-2028), the EEA EFTA States contribute with a total of EUR 3.268 billion to 15 Beneficiary States in the EU. Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with all 15 Beneficiary States.

12. The three priority areas for the period 2021–2028 are:
    - Green transition
    - Democracy, rule of law and human rights
    - Social inclusion and resilience