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EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY DECISION

of 5 July 2023

on the designation of a new Hearing Officer in certain competition proceedings

THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY,

HAVING REGARD TO

Article 2(1) of EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No. 442/12/COL of 29 November 2012 *on the function and terms of reference of the Hearing Officers in certain competition proceedings*,¹

WHEREAS

Craig Simpson was appointed as one of the Hearing Officers under Decision No. 037/18/COL of 27 March 2018. Mr Simpson's contract of employment with the EFTA Surveillance Authority ended on 16 June 2023, and it is therefore appropriate to terminate his appointment as Hearing Officer and to appoint a new Hearing Officer to replace him.

Maria Moustakali, Deputy Director of the General Internal Market Department of the Internal Market Affairs Directorate, has the requisite qualifications and experience to take up the duties of Hearing Officer alongside Michael Sánchez Rydelski, appointed pursuant to Decision No. 058/19/COL of 12 July 2019, who continues in post.

The operation of Hearing Officers and the way they are best able to exercise their functions currently remains under review.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 190, 11.7.2013, p. 93–101, and EEA Supplement No 40, 11.7.2013, p. 3.

Article 1

Appointment of a new Hearing Officer

Maria Moustakali, official of the EFTA Surveillance Authority, is appointed Hearing Officer for the purposes of EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No. 442/12/COL.

Article 2

Termination of previous appointment

The appointment of Craig Simpson, pursuant to Decision No. 037/18/COL of 27 March 2018 on the designation of new Hearing Officers in certain competition proceedings, is terminated.

Article 3

Publication and Information

The appointment as Hearing Officer of Maria Moustakali, and the termination of the appointment of Craig Simpson, shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union and in the EEA Supplement thereto*, as well as on the EFTA Surveillance Authority's website. The EFTA States and the European Commission shall be informed by means of a copy of this Decision.

Article 4

Entry into force

This Decision shall be authentic in the English language and shall enter into force on 5 July 2023.

Done at Brussels,

For the EFTA Surveillance Authority,

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