

**Information communicated by the EFTA States regarding State aid granted under the Act referred to in point 1j of Annex XV of the EEA Agreement (Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty) (General Block Exemption Regulation)**

**PART I**

Aid reference	GBER 36/2015/ENV	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s)	Regional aid status
Granting authority	Name	The Ministry of Finance
	Postal address	PO Box 8008 Dep N—0030 OSLO, Norway
	Web address	<a href="https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dep/fin/id216/">https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dep/fin/id216/</a>
Title of the aid measure	Reduced rate of electricity tax for data centres with electricity load exceeding 5 MW	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	The Parliament's annual decision on electricity tax Regulation 11 December 2001 No. 1451 concerning excise duties	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	<a href="http://www.statsbudsjettet.no/upload/Statsbudsjett_2016/dokumenter/pdf/skatt.pdf">http://www.statsbudsjettet.no/upload/Statsbudsjett_2016/dokumenter/pdf/skatt.pdf</a>	
Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	Tax reduction
Duration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	01/01/2016 to 31/12/2020
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited to certain sectors: Please specify at NACE group level	NACE 63.11 Data processing, hosting and related activities
Type of beneficiary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large undertakings	
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	NOK 20 million
Aid instrument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax advantage or tax exemption	

## PART II

Primary objective - General objectives (list)	Objectives (list)	Maximum aid intensity in % or Maximum annual aid amount in ...national currency (in full amounts)	SME - bonuses in %
Aid for Environmental protection (Arts. 36-49)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid in the form of reductions in environmental taxes under Directive 2003/96/EC (Art. 44)	40 %	10 %