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**Subject: Case No 74881 – Your request for further extension of deadline to reply to the Reasoned Opinion**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the Norwegian Government's letter dated 25 October 2017 (Doc No 879429, your ref: 17/1351) regarding the Reasoned Opinion delivered by the EFTA Surveillance Authority ("the Authority") on 22 February 2017 concerning access to the market for taxi services (College Decision No 041/17/COL). Norway was required to take the measures necessary to comply with the Reasoned Opinion within two months of its receipt.

By letters dated 23 March 2017 (Doc No 849437) and 28 June 2017 (Doc No 861966), the Authority has granted Norway extensions of the deadline to reply until 21 June 2017 and until 27 October 2017, respectively.

In its letter dated 25 October 2017, the Norwegian Government has asked the Authority for a further extension of the deadline to reply to the Reasoned Opinion.

To justify the request for a further extension, the Norwegian Government submits that it has not yet concluded the ongoing assessment of the different possible solutions for an amendment of the existing taxi legislation and that it requires more time to allow for the necessary political discussions, in order to prepare a legislative proposal that would then be processed in an ordinary legislative procedure. The Norwegian Government states in its letter that it expects to take a decision regarding the taxi legislation and to provide a reply to the Reasoned Opinion by the end of 2017.

In the light of this, which was further explained by the Norwegian Government at the package meeting in Oslo on 26 October 2017, and taking into account regular progress updates that the Norwegian Government has provided on this matter, the Authority hereby grants Norway a further extension of the deadline to reply to the Reasoned Opinion **until 20 December 2017**.

Yours faithfully,



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Internal Market Affairs Directorate