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Ministry of Climate and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Complaint against Norway concerning Norway's management of hazardous waste under its 2020-2025 Waste Management Plan

On 15 March 2021, the EFTA Surveillance Authority (“the Authority”) received a complaint against Norway concerning its management of hazardous waste under the revised waste management plan for 2020-2025 (“Avfallsplan 2020-2025”).

According to the complainant, there are deficiencies in Norway’s revised waste management plan, in particular its addendum covering hazardous waste, as regards future waste facilities and their location. Specifically, the complainant allege that the Norwegian waste management plan does not meet minimum requirements for excluding unlawful and unsuitable land-use types for waste facilities, that a mandatory impact assessment of the waste management plan has not been carried out which should also demonstrate location criteria, and that Norway has failed to ensure transparency and public participation in its waste management planning.

The Authority’s Internal Market Affairs Directorate (“the Directorate”) is presently considering the merits of the complaint. After a preliminary assessment has been undertaken, the Directorate may, where appropriate, ask the Norwegian Government to provide further information as well as its observations on the complaint.

Yours faithfully,

Kristin Saether Bangsund
Deputy Director
Internal Market Affairs Directorate

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