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AUTHORITY

Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries
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Subject: Alleged unlawful state aid in support of the national DAB network during the process to digitalization of radio broadcasting in Norway

- Request for additional information according to Article 10(2) of Part II of Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the EFTA States on the Establishment of a Surveillance Authority and a Court of Justice

The EFTA Surveillance Authority (the Authority) has been made aware of the fact that the Norwegian authorities have allegedly granted aid in support of the national DAB network. As a preliminary point, the Authority observes that the measure, possibly involving state aid, has not been notified according to Article 1(3) of Part I of Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the EFTA States on the Establishment of a Surveillance Authority and a Court of Justice (Protocol 3). To the extent that this measure involves state aid, the Authority will treat it as “unlawful aid” within the meaning of Article 1(f) of Part II of Protocol 3 and according to the rules laid down in its Section III.

In order to assess the compatibility of the measure with the state aid provisions of the EEA Agreement, the Authority sees a need for further clarification as indicated below:

- (1) Please provide comments to the allegations made by the complainant (see copy of a non-confidential version of the complaint together with certain annexes attached).

This letter is a formal request for information made in accordance with Article 10(2) in conjunction with Article 5(1) of Part II of Protocol 3.

The information requested in this letter should reach the Authority **by 31 March 2016**.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure
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