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EFTA SURVEILLANCE
AUTHORITY

Ministry of Culture
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Norway

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Complaint against Norway concerning the procedure to organise a lottery

On 27 February 2013, the EFTA Surveillance Authority received a complaint against Norway concerning the authorisation procedure to set up a lottery in Norway.

According to the complainant, the authorisation procedure under Norwegian law is not designed and conducted in accordance with EEA requirements which follow from the case law on the freedom of establishment and free movement of services.

Further, the complainant contends that Norsk Tipping and its supervisory authority, the Ministry of Culture, have acted in violation of the EEA competition rules. This aspect of the complaint will be dealt with by the Authority's Competition and State Aid Directorate.

The Authority's Internal Market Affairs Directorate is presently considering the merits of the complaint. After a preliminary assessment has been undertaken, the Directorate may, if it feels appropriate, ask the Norwegian Government to provide further information and its observations on the complainant.

Yours faithfully,



Bernhard Zaglmayer
Deputy Director
Internal Market Affairs Directorate