

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT**

No. 1/2013

**on the Amendment to the Decision No. 7/2007 adopted on 28 September
2007**

Mandate of the Secretariat

Adopted on 20 November 2013

The Joint Committee,

Having regard to Article 40.2 of Annex 1 to the Agreement on the Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement, CEFTA 2006, (herein after called the "Agreement") done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006 and the Mandate of the Secretariat (Decision of the Joint Committee No.7/2007);

Recalling the CEFTA Joint Committee's Ministerial Conclusions from 8 November 2012 that CEFTA Structures should be actively involved in drafting SEE 2020 Strategy and cooperate with other relevant regional initiatives

Has decided to amend the Decision of the Joint Committee No.7/2007 adopted on 28 September 2007 (hereinafter referred to as: "Decision") as follows:

Article 1

In Article 1.2 of the Decision, two new items are added at the end of it and read as follows:

"The Secretariat shall support the CEFTA Parties in implementation of trade related components of the SEE 2020 Strategy.

The Secretariat shall liaise with the European Commission and other relevant partners to secure and manage technical and financial assistance on behalf of the CEFTA Parties and shall inform the Joint Committee regularly thereof."

Article 2

In Article 2 of the Decision one new item is added at the end and read as follows:

In case of the absence of the appointed Director (e.g. leave, illness or where current director has stepped down from the position) the staff member of the Secretariat referred in Article 18 of the Agreement of the privileges and immunities of the Secretariat signed between CEFTA Parties and the Kingdom of Belgium, will hold the

position of the Acting Director until the Director resumes his/her duties or until replacement is appointed according to the established procedure.

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Adopted in Sarajevo on 20 November 2013 in the presence of representatives of all CEFTA Parties