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Norwegian opening statement concerning EEA Agreement and NAT airspace

Norway is committed to the Single European Sky objectives and this is formally reflected in the incorporation of SES-legislation into the the Agreement on the European Economic Area of 3 January 1994. However, this Agreement does not allow for an “automatic” application of SES-legislation. Each legislative act is subsequently considered and incorporated through decisions of the EEA Joint Committee established in accordance with the Agreement. Even though the intention is to have full legal harmonisation within the European Economic Area, the institutional framework provokes the building up of backlogs to a certain extent.

When it comes to applicability of the SES-legislation it is Norway’s intention to apply the SES-legislation to the extent possible within the areas of our jurisdiction, according to national and international legislation and including both ICAO EUR and NAT areas (FIR Bodo Oceanic including Svalbard and for Jan Mayen as part of FIR Reykjavik). Still, application in the ICAO NAT region will be based on unilateral decision whenever this is required according to the individual legislative act.